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CHENNAULT, WILLAUER FILE COURT PETITION

Ownership claimed of all CNAC, CATC equipment HK GOVT STATEMENT

Major-General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer filed a petition of intervention to the Hong Kong Supreme Court yesterday, claiming ownership of all equipment and planes of the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation.

PAA has no knowledge

Mr. E. M. Allison, Operations Manager of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation, said yesterday that Pan American Airways has no knowledge whatsoever of any transfer of capital stock in CNAC which did not conform with the terms of the contract between the Chinese Government and General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer.

"Furthermore," he said, "we could not recognise any transfer of capital stock in CNAC which did not conform with the terms of the contract between the Chinese Government and General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer."

CANTON TRADE PLANS

Plans to resume trade with Canton by river steamers are in the making. Two local Chinese vessels, the m.v. Kwai Wah and m.v. Man Sing, will attempt to reach the Kwangtung capital some time this week.

The Kwai Wah, which was the first local vessel to try to break through the Nationalist blockade of the Pearl River Delta and was held up by a gunboat which frustrated her trip, is now riding at anchor in Macao Harbour.

It is believed that for the past few days her Macao agent has been receiving inquiries and accepting bookings for cargo destined for Canton business houses.

The local agents, Hop Kwan Hong Company, said that they have no definite information about the matter but added that some kind of a plan to resume trade with the Communists has been discussed.

In the meantime, small river junks are still maintaining their hide-and-seek trips to reach West and East Rivers ports to bring back vital fresh vegetables, livestock and foodstuffs.

EIGHT KILLED IN PARIS PLANE CRASH

Four mutilated and charred bodies were recovered today from the twisted wreckage of the Bolgion DC-3 airliner which crashed in the Paris suburb last night with death to all the eight persons aboard.

The bodies of the four other crash victims were still missing.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m., HKST) pressure is high over Southern and central China and over the Pacific to the E. of Japan. Between these two high pressure systems a well defined trough of low pressure stretches NE from Formosa along the E coast of Japan.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E winds, overcast with patches of drizzle. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 88.8 deg. Fah. Minimum: 81.6 deg. Fah. Rainfall: Nil.

Headlines at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar: at sea, 1017.5-1018.0 mb.
Humidity: 87-90 %
Dew Point: 60-65 deg. F.
Wind Direction: 10-15 by 8-12
Wind Force: 12-15 knots
High: 1108-1110
Low: 1018-1020

Chinese defectors and Nationalist Government officials are engaged in a legal dispute over ownership of the two airlines. The case is to begin tomorrow at the Supreme Court.

The two Americans, General Chennault and Mr. Willauer, are President and Executive Vice-President, respectively, of the Civil Air Transport. They claim to have purchased the airlines in the capacity of private individuals.

At a press conference, Mr. Willauer said that negotiations for the purchase have been going on with Nationalist authorities for more than two weeks, and were finalised on December 12.

He added: "If the Supreme Court decides to recognise our petition of intervention when the hearing begins on December 21, our problem will then be to prove that we are the legal owners of the 75 CATC and CNAC planes outside Communist China, and also of the 11 planes which defectors took to the Communists about a month ago."

Though the amount of money which was paid to the Nationalist Government was not revealed, Mr. Willauer said that the purchase was more than a paper transaction.

He added: "We realise that we are in for the fight of our lives to gain control of this property, but if we do gain control, it will only be by due process of law."

Mr. Willauer, a former head of U.S. surplus property in the Far East, was instrumental in securing most of the CNAC planes for the Nationalist government.

Premier signs

papers

General Chennault said that he and Mr. Willauer negotiated with the highest Nationalist officials, and the purchase papers were signed by the Chinese Premier.

He added that the American and British Governments have been informed of the purchase through Nationalist representatives in London and Washington.

The General said: "We did not buy CNAC and CATC planes and equipment as officials of Civil Air Transport."

"The reason for this is that our CATC planes are registered under the Nationalist Government, and if that Government is de-recognised, it would take a long time and a good deal of negotiation to re-register this equipment under a different government."

General Chennault emphasised that he would never permit any aircraft under his direction to operate in Communist-held territory.

He said: "We have considered negotiations inside Japan and other Far Eastern countries. However, as yet, there is nothing definite to announce."

Before the Nationalist Government offered to sell their airlines to the two Americans, Mr. Willauer said that the Nationalist officials attempted to sell both airlines to Pan American Airways, which owns 20 per cent stock in CNAC.

After PAA refused the offer, the Nationalist Government asked General Chennault to purchase both the planes and equipment.

General Chennault said that the purchase agreement also includes a clause which would require the new owners to attempt to employ all former personnel of CATC and CNAC.

KUNMING RETAKEN

Taipei, December 18.—Kunming was recaptured by Nationalist forces at 4.30 p.m. (local time) today, according to a Chinese Air Force reconnaissance report.

HK Govt statement

The Hong Kong Government issued the following statement prior to the petition of intervention which Mr. Willauer filed to the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon:

"General Chennault's claim to have purchased aircraft and other assets of CNAC and CATC needs to be related to the fact that claims to ownership and control of the same property is at the present time sub-judice before the Supreme Court by reason of the fact that injunctions have been obtained by two other parties. It seems therefore on the information available at the present time that claim by General Chennault to ownership and control will similarly require to be established before the Courts."

The petition of intervention which Mr. Willauer filed could facilitate and make possible the appearance in court of General Chennault and Mr. Willauer tomorrow.

An official of the American Consulate said yesterday that the Consulate had been informed of the reported purchase by two Americans of the CATC and CNAC property, and the matter has been forwarded to Washington for any necessary action.

KMT bombers raid Yunnan targets

From Hainan Island bases Nationalist bombers hit a number of targets in Yunnan Province yesterday while conflicting reports from the Province said that Nationalist ground units around Kunming have started to attack the defected forces there.

Among the places attacked by the bombers was Mengtse, 120 miles South of Kunming. Others included highway towns near the Kweichow border, apparently intended to interfere with communications between Kunming and the Communist troops outside Yunnan.

Some vernacular press messages from Hohow, said that Central Government units have heeded the orders broadcast recently from Tai, 170 miles West of Kunming, by Nationalist General Ku Chuntung.

The messages added that fighting has broken out on the outskirts of Kunming and that General Lu Han, has appealed for help from Communist General Liu Po-cheng whose troops are on Yunnan's frontier with Kweichow and Szechuan.

Other vernacular press reports said that the attack on Kunming by the Nationalist units has been called off, as the commander, Major-General Wang Po-yuan, has re-sworn his allegiance to General Lu Han.

The reports added that a considerable number of Air Force personnel caught in Kunming by General Lu Han's defection has joined his camp.

Red pursuit
Further South, some 20,000 Communist troops were said to be converging on the borders of Indo-China in pursuit of General Pua's troops retreating from Kwangsi to Indo-China.

Airlines Purchase Explained



Major-General Claire L. Chennault (left) and Mr. Whiting Willauer at a press conference at the Correspondents Club yesterday. The two Americans, who are top officials of the Civil Air Transport, explained to journalists their purchase of CNAC and CATC equipment and planes from the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Chinese Govt circular shown to HK shippers

A recent circular presented to the British Consul General at Tamsui, Taiwan, by the Chinese Government regarding a more drastic enforcement of the blockade is being circulated to local shipping organisations by the Marine Department.

"If any foreign ship touches mines or meets any kind of damage or disaster in the future from violation of the rule, obviously she has to bear all the responsibility herself," stated the circular, released by the Far Eastern Representative of the United Kingdom Ministry of Transport, Mr. D. F. Allen, over the week-end.

Handed to the British authorities on December 12 by the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs of the former prominent Taiwan port, the circular reads:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs notified the Government of all countries on June 20, 1949, that the coastal region within Chinese territorial waters from the mouth of the Liao Ho River in North China (East Longitude 122 degrees, 20 minutes and North Latitude 40 degrees, 30 minutes) to the estuary of Min-chiang River (East Longitude 119

degrees, 40 minutes and North Latitude 28 degrees, 15 minutes) will be temporarily closed and all foreign ships were strictly prohibited from sailing into this region.

"The Chinese Government also published an order that commencing from midnight of June 26, 1949, any alien ship violating this rule would be restrained and also that any foreign ship endangering herself through violation of this rule would have to bear all the responsibility."

"Later the Chinese Government again gave notice to all governments that the line of closure had been extended from the estuary of the Min-chiang River (East Longitude 119 degrees, 40 minutes and North Latitude 28 degrees, 15 minutes) to the Western tip of the Tienpi Hsien (East Longitude 111 degrees, 20 minutes and North Latitude 21 degrees, 30 minutes).

Incidents incurred

"Since the enforcement of the closure of the ports and the territorial waters in the above mentioned districts by the Chinese Government, there were a few foreign ships which disregarded this rule and incurred incidents."

"The Chinese Government regrets this."

"The Chinese Government with the object of avoiding such occurrences in future has specially decided that as from December 12, 1949, if any of your country's ships still remain within or near by the aforesaid territorial waters they should be ordered to leave quickly within one week's time limit."

"The military authorities of the Chinese Government can render adequate security for them to pass and to avoid unnecessary danger. However this does not apply to ships which are intending to sail into the said regions."

"Since the announcement of the closure of the designated ports and territorial waters by the Chinese Government, the Government has repeatedly notified all Governments that if any foreign ship meets any kind of danger from violation of this rule it will have to bear the responsibility by herself."

"The Chinese Government with the object to strengthen the aforesaid rule will adopt more necessary and effective measures. "If any foreign ship touches mines or meets any kind of damage or disaster in the future from violation of the rule, obviously she has to bear the responsibility by herself," the circular concluded.

U.S. ship to ignore warning

On the heels of the American State Department's warning to American ships to stay out of Shanghai, the Hans Isbrandtsen Company of New York have arranged to send another 8,000-ton merchant ship to Shanghai.

The Isbrandtsen Company, which is the only shipping firm to have consistently broken the Shanghai blockade, apparently intends the sailing of the ss. Flying Arrow to Shanghai as a result to the State Department announcement.

Five Isbrandtsen ships have previously broken the blockade, and two, the ss. Flying Cloud and the ss. Sir John Franklin have been damaged by Nationalist gunboats.

An official of A.P. Pattison, local agents of the Isbrandtsen Company in Hong Kong, said yesterday that the scheduling of the ss. Flying Arrow was ordered from New York yesterday—two days after the State Department's Shanghai warning.

Most British shipping firms in Hong Kong are still debating the effects of the Nationalist Government's announcement of their intention to mine Communist-held ports.

At least nine British ships were in the Communist-held ports of Swatow, Chinampo, Tientsin, Tientsin and Dairen yesterday.

According to the Nationalist warning, mining operations will begin tomorrow morning.

Probably all wind

Spokesmen of two local ship-firms agreed yesterday that the Nationalist warning was most likely: "All wind and no sail."

One said that he doubted very much whether the Nationalist military had sufficient knowledge to mine effectively one Communist-held port, let alone seven or eight.

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TELEPHONE CO. WORKERS' ULTIMATUM

Chinese workers of the Hong Kong Telephone Company followed the example of their fellow workers of the Hong Kong Tramways yesterday when they presented their management with a two-day ultimatum.

The ultimatum called for a reply by tomorrow whether the management will reconsider its decision in regard to the men's demand for a special cost of living allowance which it had categorically rejected.

The excuse given by the management for its inability to meet the men's demand was described as totally unacceptable, and as failing to take cognisance of the plight of the workers.

The telephone workers had asked for an extra allowance ranging from HK\$75 to \$115 a month, according to grade, for each worker, because of increased living costs.

The ultimatum from the telephone workers was the second to be presented from dissatisfied workmen within 48 hours.

On Saturday workers of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited had presented their management also with a two-day ultimatum asking for reconsideration of their demand for a HK\$80-a-month overall extra allowance for all workers irrespective of grade.

The ultimatum expired at 5 p.m. yesterday without any reply from the management, and officials of the union met last night to decide on the next step to be taken.

It is, however, not expected that any positive action will be taken until after Wednesday, to await the result of the ultimatum from the telephone workers.

The next labour union which will most likely hand in an ultimatum is the one of the Hong Kong Electric Company, whose demand for an HK\$80-a-month extra cost of living allowance was also rejected by the management.

Officials of the union met last night to discuss what steps should be recommended for approval of a mass meeting of the workers to be convened tonight or tomorrow.

Meanwhile, another powerful body of labour unionists have joined the ranks of those seeking an extra cost of living allowance. At meetings held on Sunday night and last night, Chinese employees of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company decided to make demand for an extra cost of living allowance of HK\$90 a month for each worker, and a formal demand is expected to be presented today.

This demand was framed more or less along the lines adopted by those who had already put in their demands.

Union officials concerned, approached by the "China Mail," deplored the attitude of the executives of the utility concerns, which, they said, was tantamount to a total disregard of the plight of their workers.

It was impossible to ignore the fact that the present rehabilitation-

Retaliation to eventual recognition

Taipei, Taiwan,

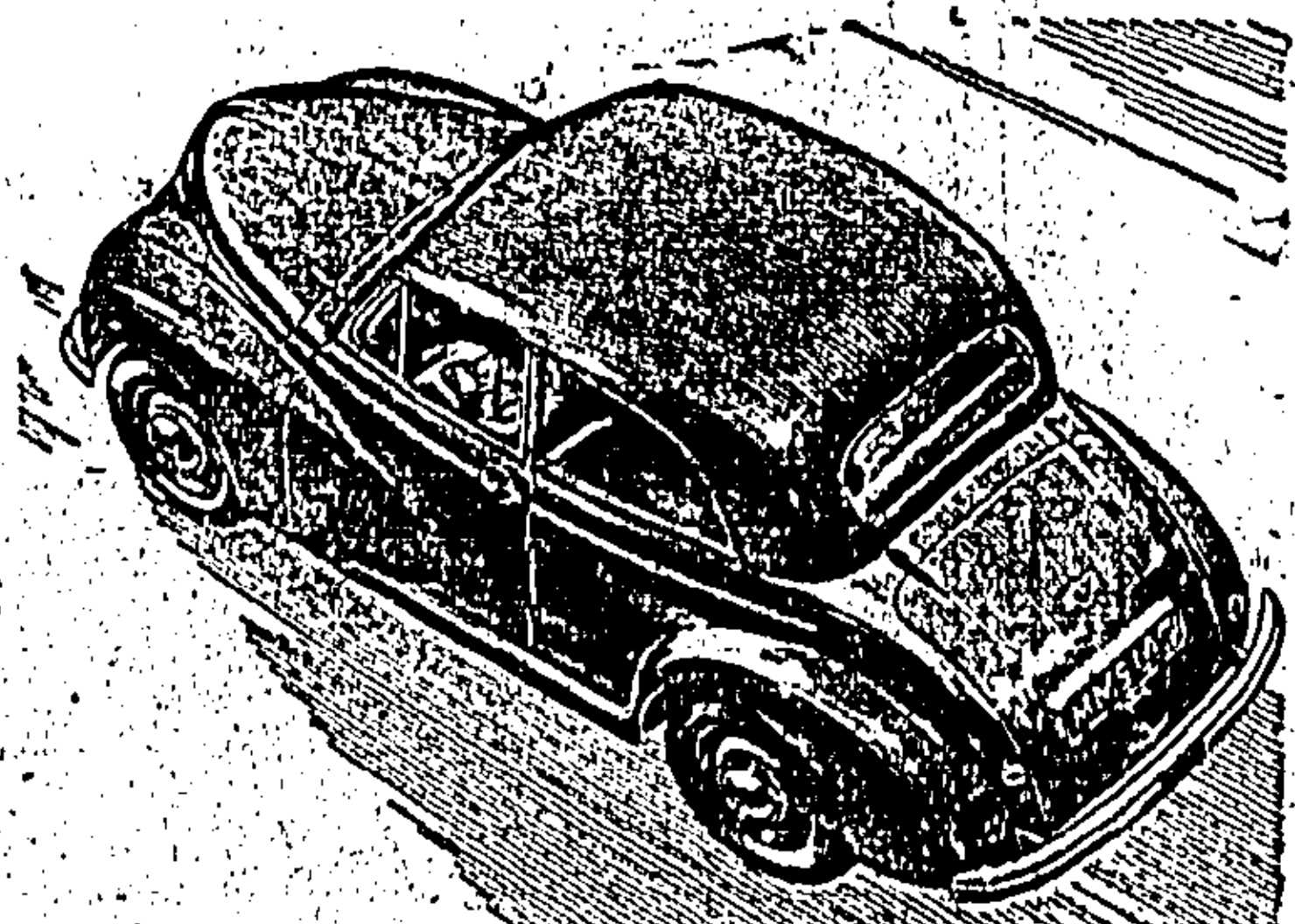
December 19.

Official circles buzzed today with a report the Nationalists will counter expected British recognition of Red China by severing relations swiftly with Great Britain.

As the report was circulated, police strove to keep order before the British Consulate Chinese by the hundreds clamoured for visas to enter Hong Kong and a haven from what many consider an impending Communist attack on this island.

Britain has not said officially Red China will be recognised but indications are such a step soon will be forthcoming.

Streams of Chinese poured into Taiwan from Hong Kong, too. Many of the influential arrivals hold passports for entry into the United States eventually. Associated Press.



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Monthly exports to UK more than \$7 million

Reminders

Today
Nurs. Dragon's Services Club, Spital, 8 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Hotel Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
Sewall Annual Chinese Products Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.
HK Football Association meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.
Kowloon Red Club at Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, 8.30 p.m.
Opening of Jewish Club, Robinson Road, 5.15 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.45 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Xmas Lunch for members.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Nine Dragon's Services Club, Children's Party, 3.30 p.m.; HK Light Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m.
Tue. H. meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Seventh Annual Chinese Products Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Christiana Carol Service, Hop Yut Church, Bunham Road, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
Y's Men's Club luncheon, talk on "Social Aspects of Christianity," Presentation of Chinese, Mr. H. Durr, Hotel Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

TEEN-AGER SENTENCED

A young boy aged 15 was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and a fine of \$100 for the larceny of a gold-filled Parker pen from Mr. Brian R. Williams.
Inspector J. O'Connell said that on Sunday afternoon Mr. Williams was walking along Nathan Road when he noticed a young boy, who came to Hong Kong only 10 days ago, snatched the pen from his pocket. The pen was caught by Mr. Williams after a short chase.

VIETNAM STATEMENT

A statement by representatives of the Vietnam National Democratic Party, reiterated that Mr. Van-Dung Khanh has been expelled from the Party and repudiated all his action, purporting to be on behalf of the Party.
The statement added that the Party aims at creating a third force able to fight against both French Imperialism and Totalitarian Communism.

Passengers charged with illegal entry

The courtroom at Central yesterday was crowded when 128 passengers were charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes with a breach of the Immigration Control Ordinance.

Accused were 89 men, 30 women, six girls and three boys, who had left the motor vessel Nam Ping, which arrived in the Colony on Sunday, from Swatow, prior to being examined by the Immigration Officer. They had disembarked at Tatum Bay, not an authorised port.

The passengers were all ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

On hearing the decision of the magistrate, most of the passengers protested and claimed that they had families in the Colony and that they should not be expelled.

The junkmaster, Ng Sum, was fined \$2,000 or six months for failing to detain passengers and with disembarking passengers at a place other than a port.
The compadore, Li Yu-sing, aged 45, was also fined \$2,000 or six months for aiding and abetting the junkmaster.

For the prosecution, Sub-Inspector Hollingshead said that he had been instructed by the Commissioner of Police to ask for an expulsion order against the passengers under Section 33 of the Immigration Control Ordinance of 1949.

St. Hollingshead said that the passengers not only landed before the Immigration Officers arrived but landed at a place which was not a port as specified.

Impossible to check

"If this illegal landing continued to happen, then it would be impossible to keep a check as to how many people had entered the Colony," he added.

The defendants were all born in China and the majority were natives of Kwatow. He did not think that they were forced to leave their homes for the Communists.

Mr. Scholes said that the defendants appeared not to know the regulations and that they did

During the first 11 months of the year, a monthly average of more than HK\$7,000,000 worth of local products was exported to the United Kingdom, said Mr. K. Keen, Director of the Department of Commerce and Industry, yesterday.

Speaking at the Seventh Annual Exhibition of Hong Kong Products, Mr. Keen added that the total value of locally manufactured goods exported to the United Kingdom between January and November was more than HK\$78,000,000.

Cotton piecegoods were the biggest individual category, valued at HK\$18,500,000, followed by rubber shoes, valued at HK\$11,000,000.

Mr. Keen said: "Last year's exhibition appeared at that time to be a very ambitious enterprise, but this year's has completely eclipsed it. The members of the Manufacturers' Association, every right to be proud of this exhibition. I offer them my sincerest congratulations on the successful result of their labours."

To judge by the articles on display today, I believe that the success of the exhibition has already been appreciated by some, as there is no doubt that the quality of many Hong Kong manufactured products has risen appreciably above last year's standards.

A real improvement

"It is encouraging to see a real improvement in the quality of Hong Kong products, especially

REUNION ABOARD CANTON

Happy reunions aboard RMS Canton on her arrival from Southampton yesterday heralded the beginning of the Christmas holidays for many families in the Colony.

Rejoicing the familiar accents of local residents, returning here were Sir Thomas D. Jackson and Lady Jackson, visiting Hong Kong for their Xmas holidays.

Others included Lady Kinloch, joining her husband who arrived here recently. Mrs. Evans, wife of Major-General G. C. Evans, Commanding Officer, New Territories, Mr. A. E. Perry, Traffic Manager of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Mr. F. T. Pontallion, retired Chief Inspector of the Hong Kong Police, Mrs. Pontallion and daughter, Mr. A. N. MacKenzie, Superintendent (Engineering) of the Canton Wharf, Mr. R. A. Bates of the Colonial Secretariat, the Hon. Mr. A. G. Clarke of the Colonial Secretariat, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. C. S. Shum, returning after a Colonial Office-sponsored tour of the U.K.
The Canton brought Christmas and New Year mail for the Colony. She had about 137 tons of packages. She disembarked 177 passengers yesterday.

Few trained personnel

"The Manufacturers' Union is keenly aware of the dearth of trained personnel in local industry and has accordingly decided to found a technical school. I understand that a proportion of the proceeds of this exhibition are to be devoted towards the foundation fund of this school."

"It is pleasing to learn that the Governor has assured you of his interest in this scheme, and I hope that the time is not far distant when the Manufacturers' Union can make its dream a reality. I wish you every success in your endeavour."

"In conclusion, let all credit be given to Mr. Shum Choy-wah, Mr. T. Tai-chee, Mr. Hui Chi-ling and their colleagues on the exhibition sub-committee for the time and effort they must have devoted towards making this exhibition an overwhelming success as it is."

"May the result be an increasing demand throughout the world for the Products of Hong Kong Industry."

Weddings

Three weddings took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office.

Gerald Andrew Lelper, banker, of 370 The Peak and Miss Sybil Mary Smith, teacher, of 4 Ricket Pavilions, were married in the presence of E. M. Gray and C. C. Blake.

Corporal Irene Molly Hembrow of the Women's Royal Air Force, was married to Company Sergeant Major James Thomas Hudson, of Shumshing Barracks, Witnesses were N. R. Woodward and J. D. Woodward.

A third wedding was that of Peter Alan Keary, plant operator of Granville Apartments, and Miss Mary Lee, Lee Lee and J. E. Gomes were witnesses.

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Farewell to Dockyard Commander

A farewell presentation was made yesterday by the European Electrical Engineering Staff of the Royal Naval Dockyard to Commander (L) G. R. J. Pattison, RN, who is retiring.

Arriving in Hong Kong in June 1949, Commander Pattison would, under normal circumstances, have been resident in the Colony for three years but of duty, but, owing to his recent transfer to the Royal Naval Branch of the Royal Navy, he has been appointed to HMS Collingwood. He is required to take up his new duties there by the end of January.

In a short address before the presentation, Commander (L) J. A. J. Campbell, RN, spoke of the excellent work carried out by Commander Pattison in the short period that he has been here and of the genuine regret of his entire staff at the termination of his appointment.

Commander Pattison was presented with a silver cigarette box engraved with the Chinese characters denoting "Fidelity, Nobility, Longevity and Completion" and with a suitable English inscription.

He is relieved of his appointment as Superintendent Electrical Engineer, Hong Kong, by Mr. H. D. Spittler who arrived in the Colony by BOAC on Friday.

POLICE CHASE OF ALLEGED ROBBERS' BOAT

One alleged robber was shot dead, another is presumed to have drowned and four Chinese were arrested late night following a chase of their boat by police in Deep Bay, off Tsing-tse.

A number of arms were seized from the boat. Police suffered no casualties.
Following receipt of a report that an alleged robbers' boat was operating in Deep Bay, a police patrol shadowed the vessel from a small fishing boat until reinforcements arrived by Junk.

Contact was eventually made at dusk. Following a 10-minute chase in which shots were exchanged, one Chinese was killed, and 28 will be specially reserved for agents of outport firms who are interested in buying locally-made products from the exhibition.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR OUTPORT AGENTS

The officials of the Chinese products exhibition have decided that the mornings of December 23 and 24 will be specially reserved for agents of outport firms who are interested in buying locally-made products from the exhibition.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on these mornings, no member of the public except local agents of outport firms will be allowed entry into the exhibition grounds where officials of each participating factory will be present to show the buyers their products.

FAREWELL PARTY

The 1st Battalion of The Buffs gave a farewell cocktail party at the Hong Kong Club yesterday. The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, was present. Hosts were Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. F.W.B. Parry.

Lawlessness in KMT outpost

Utter lawlessness is prevailing in the last Nationalist outpost in South China at Tsankong (Kwangchow), the Reverend V. Barnett, missionary attached to the Baptist Society, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

Banditry is rampant, gambling encouraged, and the people are so engulfed in distress that they are awaiting the entry of Communist troops to end this period of nightmare, the Reverend Barnett said.

The missionary reached Hong Kong on Sunday with his wife and daughter in practically the last evacuation from that area. As their junk took to sea, reports reached the people on board that Communist forces were less than 40 miles away.

Interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, he had put up at the Presbyterian Mission House the Reverend Barnett painted a tragic picture of Nationalist deterioration in Luichow Peninsula.

Two years ago, he said, morale began to crack when a young Nationalist soldier murdered their commander and took the law into their own hands. They were joined 13 months later by another group, after the murder of superior officers had also taken place.

Behaved like bandits

These two groups proclaimed their allegiance to the Communist cause, but behaved like bandits in the countryside where they levied excessive taxes, commandeered food, and sacked whole villages.

Within the two main cities of Tsankong (Kwangchow) and Fort Bayard, the Nationalist administration is vainly trying to assert an authority which has long disappeared. Gambling has been legalised in order to increase revenue, and is now so widespread that blocks of streets resound night and day to the clatter of mah jong cards and other implements. Open spaces, like gardens and vacant lots, have been turned over to concessionaires who reap huge profits.

Trade has been so stagnant in recent months because of merchants' fear of bringing in ships which would run the risk of being seized on the least pretence that unemployment has driven thousands to gambling and drink. In the face of this, morality has suffered such a serious setback that assault and robbery have become commonplace. Pickpockets abound, and it is dangerous to walk in the streets at night, the Reverend Barnett said.

Handful of Europeans

Only a handful of Europeans are remaining behind in Fort Bayard, he revealed. They are a group of French Catholics who lock themselves up in their orphanage compound after dark.

Loyal Nationalist soldiers remaining in the two main towns have not been paid for several months. As a result they prey upon the population which is virtually experiencing a reign of terror.

Asked if this state of affairs has made the people of Luichow Peninsula receptive to Communism, Reverend Barnett said he believes they do not think any administration can be worse.

"I have been in this area for 18 years," the missionary said. "What is happening is particularly tragic for me because a condition is arising which reduces to nothing all my efforts."

But despite his experiences, Reverend Barnett said he intends to return after his one year furlough is over.

He, Mrs. Barnett and their daughter are leaving Hong Kong shortly for England and the United States.



The Reverend V. Barnett

U.S. SHIP TO IGNORE WARNING

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He added: "In addition, until the Nationalist announcement, it is the first we have heard that the Nationalist have no mines, and frankly, I doubt that they do have."

An official of a firm that has been chartering ships to Shanghai for the past five months said yesterday that he had no intention of being dissuaded or "bluffed" by a threat of action.

He added he might change his mind if the Nationalists carry out their threat.

Two Companies admitted yesterday that they had ordered their three ships in Communist ports to leave on or before December 20. One added that this action was only a safety precaution to protect their ships and crews.

He said: "Personally, I doubt the effectiveness of the warning, however, we have decided it would be prudent to sit quietly for a while, and watch for developments."

Mollers Limited, and Butterfield and Swire refused to comment on the Nationalist warning.

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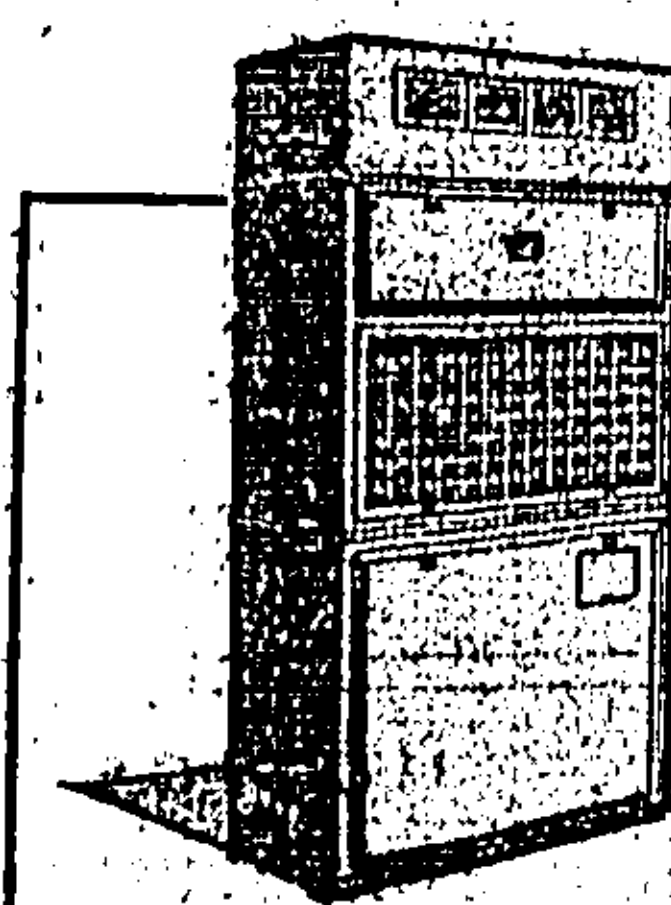
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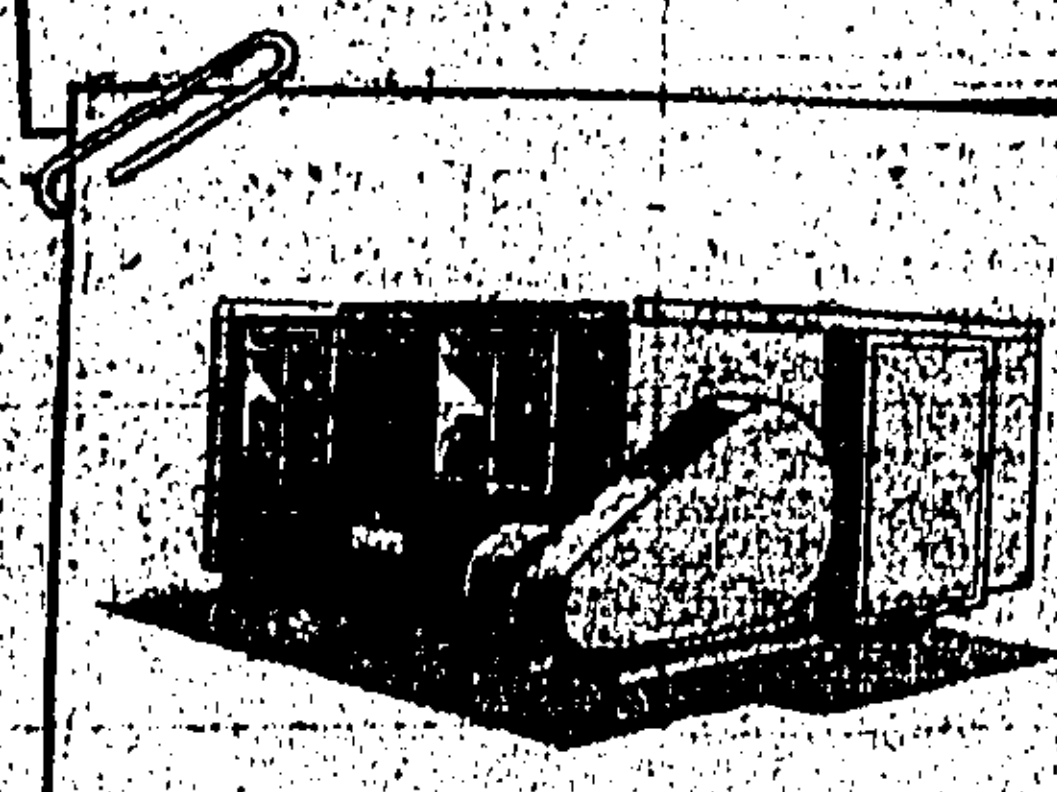
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Completed Tender Form should be returned by hand, not later than NOON, on Wednesday, 21st December, 1949.

NOTICE

The next meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society will take place on Wednesday, December 21, at 8.45 p.m. in the West Lounge when an evening of short Debates on impromptu subjects will be conducted by the President of the Society.

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Medical Department
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All registered midwives are reminded that the names of all those not in Government Service will be excluded from the midwives roll if the annual retention fee of \$1.00 is not paid to the Secretary of Midwives Board, G.P.O. Building, 1st floor, before the end of January, 1950.

Any registered midwife who fails to pay her retention fee after the end of January, 1950 and wishes to be re-registered at a later date must give notice in writing to the Secretary of Midwives Board applying for re-admission to the roll and shall pay an enrolment fee of five dollars under Section 8 of the Midwives Ordinance, No. 22 of 1910.

I. NEWTON,
Director,
of Medical Services.

December 19, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate for the construction of six circular water tanks 4' x 3' made with 16 gauge Galvanised Steel together with the necessary flanged connecting fittings, will be received at the office of the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, before noon on Friday 6th January, 1950.

Covers should be clearly marked Tenders for Water Tanks. Full detailed plans may be obtained from the Superintendent, Marine Department. Delivery of the completed tanks to be made by 20th January, 1950. Tenders must deposit the sum of \$250 with the Treasury as a guarantee of their bona fides.

The receipt of this deposit to be submitted with the sealed tenders. The deposit will be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if the successful tenderers fails to carry out the terms of the contract.

Unsuccessful tenderers will have their deposit returned.

Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

December 16, 1949.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following Godown Warrants of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., were lost, and are therefore declared null and void.

Nos. J. 1167, J. 1173, J. 1205, K. 43024 and Sub-order No. 0760 against Warrant No. J. 2861

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NOTICE

PORTUGUESE
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Rev. Father E. Gherzi, Director of the Zikawey Observatory of Shanghai, will deliver a lecture entitled "The Work of the Zikawey Observatory—1873-1949" at the Club Lusitano, at 6 p.m., on Thursday 22nd December.

The Public is cordially invited to attend.

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Colony's trade during November

Imports of merchandise into the Colony of Hong Kong during last month amounted to a declared value of \$268,991,837 as compared with \$193,772,127 in November last year. The figures include Government sponsored cargoes.

Exports of merchandise totalled \$236,270,793 as compared with \$141,820,010 in November, 1948.

Imports during the first 11 months of the year amounted to \$2,403,536,726 as compared with \$1,649,289,869 in the first 11 months of 1948.

Exports totalled \$2,039,637,885 as compared with \$1,398,025,807.

Total values of imports and exports of merchandise by countries are—

COUNTRY	Imports November 1949	Imports November 1948	Exports November 1949	Exports November 1948
United Kingdom	31,286,078	48,486,514	7,420,054	11,484,113
Australia	4,176,226	7,731,442	1,097,069	5,645,318
Canada	4,239,920	6,729,425	448,102	601,314
Ceylon	118,400	150,180	748,328	647,314
East Africa	238,431	310,474	797,724	697,329
India	4,127,497	11,394,648	4,905,346	2,491,318
Malaya (incl. Siam)	6,828,709	14,872,220	15,382,207	17,974,832
New Zealand	48,041	60,710	181,850	544,727
North Borneo	491,043	922,021	342,231	1,402,111
South Africa	2,677,728	6,098,104	836,482	784,044
West Africa	1,799,601	4,325	271,213	402,270
British Empire, Other	1,037,872	4,325	400,500	310,210
Belgium	1,670,387	887,016	447,084	206,681
Holland	2,658,955	16,265	1,116,479	1,008,912
France	20,864,467	21,864,467	56,287,917	56,287,917
China, North	2,105,800	6,273,000	3,729,812	23,210,093
China, Middle	24,656,636	8,409,184	10,458,444	9,960,000
China, South	12,200	12,200	99,684	110,972
Central America	64,571	54,666	218,364	421,201
Denmark	266,123	173,223	284,015	1,302,338
Egypt	1,177,000	266,651	182,074	306,144
Finland	2,061,494	2,061,494	1,024,136	1,488,731
France, Indochina	7,695,948	1,029,616	467,512	819,601
Germany	5,249,771	1,028,444	517,531	946,812
Holland	2,500,689	4,882,332	244,270	2,634,333
Italy	2,480,223	3,422,370	1,860,761	679,606
Japan	8,983,739	3,093,355	3,256,621	6,683,117
Korea, North	9,760,671	6,759,811	4,642,268	7,456,917
Macau	10,533,733	4,431,745	10,368,433	30,465,430
Norway	114,067	836,269	115,010	683,624
Netherlands East Indies	6,414,353	5,130,464	3,146,721	2,944,638
Philippines	1,457,608	1,441,202	9,314,890	9,357,095
Portugal	163,586	14,123	102,088	725,253
Romania	3,007,059	14,265,774	8,223,686	5,932,619
South America	491,560	608	865,681	377,091
Sweden	1,361,611	522,946	806,141	137,293
Switzerland	1,420,700	6,963,974	229,051	98,062
Spain	8,265	13	—	—
U. S. A.	26,792,712	67,178,924	9,319,880	22,308,553
Australia	60,743	427,182	62,018	118,664
Czechoslovakia	184,460	829,059	102,088	725,253
El Salvador	273,116	10,500	—	837,494
Finland	11,935	10,441	—	—
France	2,016,600	50,145	13,960	81,002
Germany	—	386,250	—	—
Holland	129,316	70,076	371,780	167,471
Portugal East Africa	—	24,000	146,966	230,067
Portugal East Africa	—	6,316,065	2,211,519	55,028
Spain	—	—	23,340	18,947
Turkey	294,748	1,186,144	610,002	2,703,008
Others	19,772,124	268,991,837	141,820,010	236,270,793
Total British Empire	56,482,531	161,186,088	32,160,434	42,056,732
Total Foreign	147,289,696	167,894,849	109,660,676	195,314,421

FINED FOR
ILLEGAL EXPORT

The manager of the On Tai Company, 35, Yam Chow Street, first floor, Hui Chung-wan, aged 42, was fined a total of \$2,500 for attempting to export prohibited goods and with attempting to export unmanifested cargo.

Revenue Inspector L. Millington said that 122 cases of Lux toilet soap belonging to the company was found on the mv. Wing Cheung at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. The soap was among the prohibited exports and were not on the ship's manifest.

VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE

A Vehicular Ferry is undergoing her Annual overhaul and car owners are requested to use the Service as sparingly as possible on the 20th and 21st December 1949.

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PROCLAMATION CLIMAXES POPE'S 10-YEAR REIGN

Vatican City, December 18.

Pope Pius XII — the "Pope of Peace" climaxed his first 10 years as head of the Roman Catholic Church with proclamation of the church's quarter century Jubilee.

For the Pope, dedicating the 1950 Holy Year to prayers for peace, the Jubilee was almost a personal symbol of his unrelenting fight against atheism and the social ills of the post-war world.

In a decade he had become perhaps the most outspoken of all the 261 popes before him on matters of international importance. Under him the Catholic church's college of Cardinals had become truly international in representation and on the eve of Holy Year, non-Italians for outnumbered Italians among the Princes of the Church, a concrete example of the pontiff's internationalism.

The 73-year-old Pope faced an arduous year as Holy Year opened. But it was all a part of his fight for peace which began when he chose the name of Pius. For him, preparing to open the Holy Year—the year of the Great Pardon from all punishment due for sin—Holy Year was a call to all Christians to return to God and Christian ethics to achieve lasting peace.

In his 10 years as Pope, Pius XII has won recognition throughout the Christian world as one of the world's keenest statesmen. Vatican secretary of state before his election to the papacy, he has, since 1944, directed the secretariat himself through one of the most trying periods in modern history for the Catholic church.

Struggle for freedom

The church's struggle for freedom in Communist-dominated countries has been likened by some Vatican scholars to the persecution that rose with the French revolution.

The Pope himself wrote the Holy Year prayer which is a plea for "peace in our day, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, peace among nations."

In speeches, he has spoken of Holy Year as an opportunity for Catholics to give an enlightening example of unity and cohesion, without distinction of language, nation or race (to a world) which keeps the desolating spectacle of its divisions and its disagreements before its eyes.

The trial and sentencing of Hungary's Josef Cardinal Mindszenty was the gravest Communist blow against the Catholic church and began the year on a sombre note. On February 11, 1949, the Pope issued an apostolic exhortation to all archbishops, bishops and other local ordinaries throughout the world to celebrate a votive mass, or second mass, on Passion Sunday to expiate the crimes of the enemies of God.

In many of his other speeches, while dealing with specific topics such as medicine, the fight against cancer, atomic energy, humanism, family responsibilities, education, youth's part in society, migration and aid to refugees, the Pope spoke out time and again against atheism and the attacks against the Catholic church.

Unceasing trials
As Holy Year came, Pope Pius could look back on a year of unceasing trials—and a decade which had brought great damage to the Catholic Church. More than 500 priests and nuns were dead, 500 priests and nuns were dead, Iron Curtain; the church was virtually wiped out in Albania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania and fighting for existence in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

The first danger signs had appeared in Poland. The Communist victory in China had not yet brought the all-out attack against the Catholic church but the Vatican received weekly reports of anti-Catholic activity, the closing of missions and schools, the same early indications which meant the start of the persecution in Eastern Europe.

American arrested in Hungary

Vienna, December 18.

Mr. Israel Jacobson, 37, of Rochester, New York, who is Budapest manager for the American Joint Distribution Committee, has been arrested by the Hungarian government, the AJDC announced here today.

AJDC said the Hungarian Foreign Office refused to reveal the charges on which Mr. Jacobson was being held.

Mr. Harold Trobe, chief of AJDC for Austria, said Mr. Jacobson was arrested after he crossed the Austro-Hungarian border on Thursday morning in his own car with a driver from the Vienna AJDC office. At the border the driver from the Budapest AJDC office met Mr. Jacobson and drove him across the demarcation line.

Mr. Jacobson failed to arrive at the Budapest office on Thursday night and the following morning his office contacted the American Legation in Budapest. The Legation, which is already trying to obtain the release of Mr. Robert Vogeler, Assistant Vice-President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, contacted Hungary's Foreign Office.

Mr. Trobe said the Hungarians confirmed they have arrested Jacobson but refused to give the charges against him.

Mr. Vogeler was arrested on November 18 and had been held incommunicado since. United Press.

Spanish exiles decorate Titoist Reds

Belgrade, December 18.

The exile Republican government of Spain handed decorations today to Yugoslian leaders who supported its cause in the Spanish civil war.

The occasion was significant because of the fact that the Spanish exile government has been identified previously with the Communist forces under Russia's guidance rather than with Marshal Tito's independence forces.

The decorations were presented only a few days after the Sofia treason trial of Traicho Kostov, Bulgaria's former Deputy Premier.

Several of those decorated today were accused during that trial of plotting with Kostov, as Gestapo agents and as foes of Russia.—Associated Press.

MAX REIMANN ACCUSES ALLIES

Essen, British Zone.

Herr Max Reimann, the West German Communist leader, today accused the American occupation authorities of preparing Western Germany for a war against the Soviet Union.

Speaking at a meeting in honour of Marshal Stalin's 70th birthday, on December 21, Herr Reimann said that it was the aim of the Soviet Union to equal the industrial capacity of the United States by 1950 and even surpass them.—Reuter.

RETIREMENT

London, December 18.

Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, the 70-year-old Speaker of the House of Commons, will retire from public life at the end of the year.—Reuter.

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Referendum in India discussed

Paris, December 18.

France and India have not yet fixed a date for the referendum to decide whether the four French settlements in India shall stay in the French Union or join India, Indian Embassy officials said today.

The tentative date for the referendum in Pondicherry, Karikal, Yanam, and Mahé, they said, still falls in the second half of February but may be altered before the current negotiations end.

M. Jean Letourneau, Minister for Overseas France, has not gone further than saying that the referendum will probably take place in February or March.

Sardar H. S. Malik, Indian Ambassador to France, M. Daniel Levi, French Ambassador to India, officials are now conferring on the date and other details in New Delhi.

Mr. K. V. Padmanabhan, acting Charge d'Affaires of the Indian Embassy during Sardar Malik's absence, said that both Government had already agreed on the names of eight observers of the panel of 12 appointed by the International Court of Justice.

The Overseas Territories Commission of the French National Assembly is due to discuss and give a decision on a bill providing for the referendum on Wednesday.

Articles of the bill authorize the French Government to adopt the bill.

Earlier this week, M. Lambert Saravane, Deputy from French India, tabled a counter-proposal calling for negotiations for an agreement between the French and Indian Government to draw up a statute for the four territories which would then be submitted to a referendum.—Reuter.

HISTORY OF MANKIND

Paris, December 18.

Leading European historians and sociologists today agreed on the chapter headings of a seven-volume history of mankind from the Stone Age to the atomic age, likely to take 10 years to complete.

The experts, after a five-day meeting, also agreed on an annual \$20,000 grant for the next three years for research and preparation of the work.

The meeting was held at UNESCO House.—Reuter.

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Woman admits spying

Wroclaw, December 17.

Yvonne Bassaler, a slim, 29-year-old Parisienne and self-confessed French spy, today gave details of an alleged network of French espionage and counter-espionage to a Polish Military Court here.

The Court, for the second day today was trying four French nationals on charges of spying and sabotage.

After pleading guilty to collecting and transmitting Polish State and military secrets into Paris through the French Embassy in Warsaw, Mlle. Bassaler named Marcel Bolitte, French Vice-Consul in Warsaw, as head of French counter-espionage in Poland.

M. Bolitte is now held by the Polish authorities as a reprisal for the arrest in France of the Polish Vice-Consul, Szezerblinski.

Mlle. Bassaler made an hour-long unflattering statement concerning her job as an alleged intermediary between Major Alfred Humm, former French Assistant Military Attaché in Warsaw and "agents" in Silesia, collecting industrial, political and economic secrets for French intelligence.

Mlle. Bassaler told the Court that Guy Monde, former French Consul in Wroclaw, where she worked as a typist up to the time of her arrest, knew of her real job as an agent, although he was not involved himself.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC AIR RECORD CLAIMS

London, December 18.

Pan-American World Airways claimed to have set up a new trans-Atlantic record today from New York to Shannon, Eire, of seven hours and 49 minutes, representing an average speed of 632 kilometres per hour for the 4,200 kilometres.

The present official record is eight hours and 25 minutes by a British Overseas Airways Constellation on December 2, 1946.

A trans-Atlantic record was also claimed today by a Dutch Royal Airlines Constellation, which was stated to have flown from Gander, Newfoundland, to Newcastle, Scotland, in five hours and 28 minutes, with 38 passengers.

This is 21 minutes faster than the present recognised record.—Reuter.

U.S. DRUG RING CRACKED

Chicago, December 18.

United States drug squads have arrested at least 20 men and five women in the past two days in a roundup of drug peddlars allegedly selling narcotics to school children.

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THE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

The news agencies are indulging in the inevitable guessing game as to what is going on in Moscow. One day we are told that Mao Tse-tung's visit may result in a "new" Sino-Soviet Alliance—the next that a split is developing about Manchuria. When diplomats deduce and observers observe they usually have quite a lot to work upon, if only in background knowledge. No doubt the two questions are linked, if only as mutually destructive issues.

A simpler interpretation would perhaps be that Mao Tse-tung is reluctant to go beyond a propaganda Pact like the first anti-Comintern Pact, in return for economic aid, whereas Moscow would prefer an offensive and defensive Pact like the former Axis Pact. The main interest of the Peking Government is in economic aid on a large scale. The need for this is acute, Mao Tse-tung made it clear in his inaugural speech at the People's Consultative Council session in Peking that he expected this aid to flow from the new regime's "unity with international friends." He accordingly predicted "swift victory on the economic front." Without that victory, he and other leaders have often emphasised, the Communist "democratic dictatorship" would fail.

The international friends must therefore clearly understand how much is at stake. It is not less than the whole polity of the social and industrial revolution, as agreed upon in the Common Programme, which forms the basis of the agreement between the Communist and other parties concerned. It was also made clear to other Powers outside the circle of "international friends" that China would not look to them for economic aid, if only because they wanted interest or profit on such aid.

It would be beside the point at the moment to discuss whether they ever got this profit. The point is that aid has been uplifted to the lofty domain of pure altruism, and that is the rarest air Marshal Stalin is likewise expected to breathe. Even in this there can hardly be one law for the rich and another for the poor in heart. The principle is, of course, unexceptionable. It is to be found in all the great religions, and the Chinese Communists' ingenious attempt to foist it upon the great secular religion of the Communist fraternity will be watched with intense interest by Communist converts and beastly heretics alike.

This spiritual approach to enormous economic problems is not new. Dr. Sun Yat-sen, it will be recalled, wrote a book entitled "The International Development of China"—a master-plan for colossal development dwarfing anything ever heard of in cost and magnitude. It had one weakness, however. There was not a word on how it was to be paid for.

In short, Peking would like a programme of large-scale economic aid without any unwelcome strings attached beyond the vigorous echo of the Moscow line in propaganda. It is particularly attached to the line on peace, though there have been occasional references to the liberation of the oppressed abroad. These were not too generalised, however; they concerned chiefly the Chinese communities, some of whom replied a trifle tartly. We do know on good authority that

Malan's text is new imperialism

By Geoffrey Jenkins

While Dr. Malan, South Africa's Premier, talks republicanism, he sets out deliberately to preach a new imperialism.

For this is what his claim to South African control of the British protectorates of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland means.

The idea behind it all? Simply that South Africa, greedy for cheap and plentiful manpower, is determined to check government in any shape or form, wish to push the boundaries of the Union up towards the equatorial regions.

This is not only a challenge to Britain. It is a challenge to the whole Commonwealth and to the principles on which the brotherhood of British nations is founded.

May turn scales

While Dr. Malan, a sick man in a hurry, tries to rush through extreme racial measures, there emerges another figure, the Moderate Mr. Havenga, Minister of Finance, who may turn the scales in favour of a liberal policy.

If Mr. Havenga comes into favour—and his visit to Britain and America has given him added prestige—the extreme Nationalists may be pushed into the background.

These "ifs" are important, because if Dr. Malan ousts the natives in the House of Assembly in the 1950 session, Mr. Havenga threatens to walk out of the House with his 12 Havenga Party members.

Waiting policy

On the other hand, not only Nationalists, but many Moderate Independents claim that the Nationalists' case should be judged carefully on its merits and discounted out of hand. They urge a "go-slow" policy until labour and economic conditions have been improved, and until education among native peoples has been greatly improved.

The new Secretary for Native Affairs, Dr. W. W. M. Eiselein, son of a German missionary, thinks that racial separation is essential in South Africa, for, if the African becomes "Europeanised," the European will remain in constant fear of his position among them.

Dr. Eiselein wants an educational policy which concentrates on giving native children practical subjects such as farming, carpentry and trades, rather than academic subjects. He claims that racial separation will mean better housing in the big cities, where natives live under appalling conditions.

But against all this is the fact that so far the Government's policy has been unconstructive and merely a series of "Don'ts" for natives—keeping them off trains in the Cape, banning them from European entrances to stations, forcing them away from European counters in post offices.

Not only would the thought of handing over the Protectorates raise a storm in Britain—already questions have been asked in the House of Commons—but the natives themselves, backward and undeveloped as they are, realise the dangers of being thrown upon the mercy of South African Nationalist policy.

Peking entirely agreed with Mr. Vyshinsky's demand for a Five-Power Pact to strengthen peace, no doubt with an eye on Japan and loud indiscretions about eighty million ready to die on the last ditch.

There are alternative ways of meeting that danger, of course. The United States hoped that China would play the role of keeper of the peace in the Far East. It is by no means certain that this hope has been abandoned—that is still very largely up to the new regime in China. In any case there is always the British Commonwealth to make rough paths smooth, in a quiet, modest and unobtrusive way.

NIGERIA: GROWING CINDERELLA

By G.D.K. McCormick

Growing pains are in the main the explanation of the Nigerian riots; now being investigated by a Government-appointed Commission of Inquiry.

West Africa, for long the Cinderella of the British Commonwealth, has suddenly started to grow the big operation, by the Colonial Development Corporation and changed economic conditions have brought new problems.

This development has been a tedious task, as full of headaches as the Colonial Development Corporation and changed economic conditions have brought new problems.

Tangled story

A colonial official in Nigeria summed it up when he said to me: "It is the most difficult job in the world to show the native that economic development of colonial territories is in his interests in the long run."

"His mind does not work that way. It is no use telling him he is an unskilled labourer who can earn more until he has learned more. Work or want? is no propaganda for these people."

"More important than money is goods in the shops. An influx of British goods at cheap prices would have a tremendous psychological effect in combating indolence and labour troubles."

An added problem is that many native soldiers now back home after a relatively comfortable and happy life in the Army during the war, are not content to return to a lower standard of living.

It is a tangled story which the

Front-line France looks to America

By Selby Bradford

Whatever the recently completed plans against aggression may be, it is certain that they will depend largely on the strength of the French Army for their fulfilment.

For various reasons France alone possesses the immediately available manpower to form the front line of resistance.

It is therefore not surprising to find that all France is awaiting two vital announcements one of which will be due largely, I believe, to Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery's Exposé of the situation during his visit to the United States.

The first is that Mr. Rene Pleven, the new French Minister of Defence, is going to take steps to revitalise the French fighting Forces.

And the other is that President Truman has agreed to something even stronger than "missions" coming over with the first wave of Marshall Aid arms and equipment, which is due to arrive within the next month.

M. Pleven puts the safety of France far ahead of the advancement of party politics. If the present French Government holds, then France is going to be assured of far-reaching results.

It is widely believed that M. Pleven will:

1. Chop a lot of the dead wood off the tree of old generals, who have been in the school of the 1914 war;

2. Insist that a unified form of modern training must be produced, applicable in its own way to each of the Services;

3. Pledge his support for increased pay for the fighting Services, whose financial conditions are lamentable;

4. Press for even more extended and factual American and British aid for the build-up of all Services concerned.

Showing how

Mr. Truman's support will, it is widely hoped, move a further step forward in declaring publicly that the few experts due to come over with the various sections of Marshall Aid equipment will be reinforced by leaders of all ranks and of all Services, who will stay on and help train French Forces in the use of the equipment.

There are many signs that all this is likely to happen.

One is the great success which has resulted this year from the emergency of 100 French and British officers and nearly the same number of NCOs, each of whom has done duty with his opposite unit. This system, it is believed, could well be extended to the U.S. and French armed Forces.

Public opinion in France has

Troubles fanned

Nigeria is the spotlighted trouble centre, but all Africa is the background to the discontent.

While the Nigerian riots were not Communist riots, they were used indirectly for extending the Communists' African bridgeheads.

It is folly to regard the trouble as a local disturbance—the Nigerian problem is symptomatic of a Pan-African problem which extends from West Africa across to Kenya and Uganda, and South to the Union.

It sometimes develops into an unfortunate clash between the seekers after independence and the new spirit which is developing colonial Africa economically.

The native troubles have to some extent been fanned by Dr. Malan's racial discrimination measures in South Africa, which have provided excuses for mischief-makers at United Nations.

Political link

There has been an attempt in recent months to link the political future of Nigeria with that of the Cameroons.

Its protagonist has been Dr. Azikiwe, a Nigerian nationalist leader, who through his chain of West African native newspapers has kept up a constant clamour for independence.

The Cameroons are under British and French mandates to the United Nations, and while the commission investigates 'troubles' in Nigeria, a UN commission in the near-by Cameroons is probing conditions under British and French rule.

Two-way aid

Another factor is the part which Marshall Aid is playing in the destiny of Africa.

Washington decided long ago that Marshall Aid could be made into two-way aid—that ECA's funds could be used for developing production of those materials in Africa which the U.S. needed for stockpiling requirements listed by their chiefs of military strategy.

A thorough survey of Africa has been made by both the U.S. Strategic Supply Bureau and ECA technical advisers, and their view is that the European Powers with African Colonies must use some Marshall Aid money for increasing production of the strategic materials which America needs.

It is generally admitted that this aspect of Marshall Aid fits admirably into the picture of the Atlantic Pact and Western defence.

British colonies in Africa are listed high as sources of important materials for America's strategic reserves.

Tim, columbite, palm oil, and sesame oil are required from Nigeria. From Rhodesia the Americans want asbestos, chrome, cobalt, copper, corundum, tantalite and vanadium.

Metallurgical products and mahogany are listed for the Gold Coast, as are pyrethrum, tantalite and calf skins from East Africa.

These stockpiling requirements give Moscow a possible target for sabotage in Africa. They help to explain Russia's interest in Africa.

They wonder if—

And so the French take stock of their own resources and immediately look Southward and wonder.

They wonder if, after all, with every plan borne in mind and attempted to be carried out, the result will not be a pell-mell retreat to the line of the Pyrenees, and to ultimate occupation again.

It is true, however, that French public opinion also looks Westward to America, to President Truman, to all the material resources promised, hoped for, and about to be delivered.

It devotes to its own self a period of critical self-analysis and faces the problem that has been ever-present since the end of the war. "Can we improvise, possibly outdated in our appreciation of modern war, so build up our defence Forces as to hold on until the full weight of American man-power comes to our aid?"

Is it enough?

"Granted," it says, "the assistance of the British Navy; granted help from an attenuated RAF and dimly based U.S. Air Force; granted a superiority in atomic warfare," and here the Frenchman shrugs his shoulders, envisaging that events could move so rapidly that the suitable targets would be found only on French soil.

"Granted," it says, "all such assistance, can we even then man the wall that protects Western Europe with our Army as it is today and our resources as they are?"

Marshall Aid may be all very well, but can we hope for the full support which is necessary? I believe that the vastness of that requirement has been communicated to the U.S. Chiefs of Staff.

How great it is becomes apparent if you look at the French fighting Services of today. And also if you glance at the strength of Britain's.



It is not true that the new Indonesian premier is unduly quick-tempered, says a writer.

If General Chennault has bought the airlines, and the Communists say they own them, and Hong Kong has custody of them, it seems as if it isn't going to be plane sailing from now on.

Songs of the Nationalists.

"Mine, all mine!" "I'm gonna lock my port and throw away the quay." "Eternally yours." "Isy you is or Isy you ain't my babe, granader." "You denar old blockhead, you." "Some day I'll mine you."

"Xmas spirit fills air." Myrtle's grandfather says he's sorry, but he isn't going to take breath-chasers for anyone.

Walkie talkie emple. British Columbia has given the Commonwealth its first woman Speaker. Well, at least, the first one with a capital S.

Attention has been drawn to the inadequate salaries paid to some electronic scientists. I thought some of them were making a pile.

I am able to deny that those "quakes in the USSR" had anything to do with Mao's means about Manchuria.

The Skite's the limit. (The new Australian government may renew recommending people for Birthday Honours.) There shall be Knights in Aussie now.

And noble Lords of Squat, Brave Barons of the Billabong—No longer "men forgot." Why, Warrambool and Narrabri May vie for Viscounts yet. And who goes forth and struts his stuff?

An accolade may get. Ah, happy day! the mother cry Who hanker for a "Dame," And daughters think of by-and-by.

The "Lady" to their name. (How strange these independent covets Beneath their flamin' cross, Should want the soapbox spiclers "Sirs"—Yet scorn to "sir" the boss!)

Pearls before Brittoons. A crowd of Eritrean citizens throw live hand grenades into the British Information Service Office at Asmara.

How could they BISO ungrateful? My spy in London says that anyway, with the power strike, all that austerity was covered with a merciful cloak of darkness.

Last bastion before Frisco. The Admirallissimo has drafted a Formosa defence plan. This should call for another celebration in Peking.

Red India? "USS Valour to visit Bombay." Land of the Free and the home of the Brave....

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U.S. STARTS TRAINING JAPANESE DIPLOMATS

Policy to speed entry into family of nations

PEACE TREATY PLANS

Washington, December 18.

U.S. State Department officials disclosed today the United States soon will start training important Japanese diplomats as part of a policy of speeding readmission of Japan into the world family of nations.

The first four of a hand-picked group of 10 representatives of the Tokyo Foreign Office are due in Seattle, Washington, on December 22 on their way to Washington.

Two drown in rescue attempts

The Hook, December 18. The skipper and one of the seven-man crew of a lifeboat were drowned today in an attempt to assist the 1,101-ton Swedish freighter, Aslog.

The 45-year-old skipper of the lifeboat, Konrad Wilhelm, from Stettin, and another member of its crew were washed into the sea when the lifeboat struggled in heavy seas while on its way to the Aslog, which had appeared for assistance last night.

The skipper, W. de Boek, was the father of four children and the drowned member of the crew, 44-year-old H. Grothoer, had five children.

A 29-year-old son of the skipper was in the crew of the lifeboat. Everything was done to find the missing men, but it was impossible in the dark and the heavy running seas.

The lifeboat never reached the Aslog, but had to set a course to the Hook of Holland after having been at sea all night.

The son of the drowned skipper said on his return here: "It was terrible not being able to do anything to save my father."

The Aslog called for assistance early last night because she was drifting in heavy seas towards a sandbank near the East Scheldt. Late in the night her position was reported to the authorities.

Attempts are now being made to tow the Aslog to Flushing. —Reuter.

STRIKE AGAINST APARTHEID

Bloemfontein, December 18. A one-day strike of natives throughout South Africa will be called at some future date as a protest against Apartheid (racial segregation) and white domination, the African National Congress decided at the close of its conference here today.

The conference also decided unanimously on a policy of uncompromising non-co-operation with all bodies established by the Government as representative of the natives. —Reuter.

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Churchill to leave soon on holiday

London, December 18. Winston Churchill sails from Britain on December 29 for a two-week holiday on the Portuguese island of Madeira.

He will return on January 10 unless events in Britain demand his presence earlier, the Conservative Party headquarters said.

Mr. Churchill and his wife will be guests of "Time and Life" and the "New York Times," which publish his memoirs. —Associated Press.

FRUITFUL LINE OF APPROACH

Lake Success, December 18. Indian circles at Lake Success said today that the Security Council had opened up a fruitful line of approach in deciding to ask its President, General Andrew McNamara, of Canada, to negotiate informally with the Indian and Pakistan Governments on a settlement for the disputed territory of Kashmir.

The suggestion was made by Norway and adopted by the Council last night after the United Nations Kashmir Commission had reported the failure of its attempts at mediation.

Indian sources said that in open debate both sides often felt compelled to take up a position from which they could not afterwards withdraw, whereas in private discussions they could express their views freely and ask each other for explanations.

Dr. Oldrich Chyly, the Czechoslovak member of the Kashmir Commission, submitted a minority report on the failure. He accused the Commission of making several errors in the negotiations and placed part of the blame for their difficulties on Britain and the United States.

Indian observers said that Dr. Chyly's report approximated to the Indian position on some points, including those relating to the future of the Azad (Free) Kashmir forces, the Northern areas and the abandonment of a political conference on Kashmir. —Reuter.

Bank note issue up in Britain

London, December 18. The Bank of England increased its bank note issue by £50,000,000 sterling to meet Britain's biggest spending Christmas since before the war, according to the "Daily Graphic."

The newspaper said gift-hunting Britons had withdrawn an extra £52,000,000 sterling from the Bank of England during the past three weeks and during the same period had taken out £10,470,000 sterling from their national savings.

The "Graphic" added that one of London's biggest stores was dealing with 100,000 customers a day. The manager of a leading store in Manchester said, "Sales are up on last year and 1946 was a record for us." —United Press.

CANADA COOL TOWARD RED RECOGNITION

Ottawa, December 18.

Reports out of London today that all British Commonwealth countries would recognise Communist China in a few days' time were given a cold reception in Ottawa. In fact, it was learned on the highest authority that there would be no recognition so far as Canada is concerned until after the Commonwealth conference in Ceylon next month.

A high government official said there had been no development to warrant immediate recognition of the Red regime. He said Canada planned to discuss the whole matter with other Commonwealth governments when they met at Colombo on January 9.

However, this did not necessarily mean that Canada would recognise the Communist government immediately after the conference.

Canadian government officials have frequently said the situation in China would have to be carefully studied before any decision could be reached. In particular, they said they would first have to be satisfied that the Communist regime was free from outside control and had effective control over China.

However, on November 16, the External Affairs Minister, Lester Pearson, told the House of Commons that in due course Canada would have to "recognise the situation which confronts us" in China.

Consultations between Canadian and other Commonwealth officials have taken place from time to time on recognition of the Chinese Communist government, but government officials have stressed that Canada will make her own decision in accordance with the facts as she sees them.

Meanwhile, informed sources in New Delhi said today that the Commonwealth countries had agreed to recognise Communist China simultaneously. They said India had agreed to recognise the Chinese Reds at the same time as the rest of the Commonwealth, but a fixed date for recognition had not yet been set.

(Official quarters in London said recognition would be announced some time this week. They said recognition of the Chinese Reds would hold up while the Commonwealth countries debated whether to recognise the French-supported Bao Dai regime in Indo-China too. The Indians had opposed recognition of Bao Dai because they claimed that the Ho Chi Minh group controlled 80 per cent of the country.)

The Burmese Foreign Minister, who flew back to Rangoon today after week-end talks with the Indian Prime Minister, told reporters one of the chief reasons for his government deciding it could no longer delay recognition of the Chinese Communists was the lawless situation along the Sino-Burmese border.

Burma announced recognition of the Chinese Reds yesterday—the first non-Communist nation to do so. —United Press.

Ward rescue mission completed

Yokohama, December 18.

The Angus Ward rescue mission was completed this morning when the Lakeland Victory arrived here with the United States Consul-General and other members of his party.

Mr. William J. Sebald, General MacArthur's diplomatic chief, was on the deck to meet the man who was "deported" by the Chinese Reds after being tried on trumped up charges that he had denied.

Before leaving Japan on December 22 by ship for the United States, Mr. Ward will meet and talk with General Douglas MacArthur and expected to give him a detailed firsthand report on conditions within Communist China.

The Lakeland Victory sailed from Kobe, Japan, on December 7 for Tientsin, which is the port of Tientsin, where Mr. Ward left Communist China territory after a long, hard train trip from Mukden.

The Lakeland Victory won in a dramatic race with the Pacific Transport to see which would be the first to reach Taku Bar and get the honour of bringing the Ward party to safety.

The little freighter was packed and overcrowded with members of the Ward party and 11 foreign correspondents and cameramen who gave the world a complete account of the rescue.

On the way back to Japan the Lakeland Victory halted momentarily at Pusan, Korea, to unload cargo and Korean passengers who got an unscheduled trip to China. —United Press.

Campaign to restore monarchy

Rome, December 18.

Italian monarchists today aired the first shots in a campaign for a second national referendum to decide whether the monarchy should be restored.

Commander Achille Lauro, President of the Monarchist Party's Executive Committee, told the opening meeting of the party's annual Congress here that Monarchists would respect the Republican Constitution.

"But some time, sooner or later, when Italy is finally in a position to decide in absolute peace and liberty, without the influence of foreign and coercive forces, a second and definite referendum must be held," he said.

It must be a referendum "in which the people can democratically choose, with all loyalty, the form of government they prefer. We are not a revolutionary party. We live and work within the framework of approved institutions. We only want Italy to find her way and make her proper place in the world."

The Italian Monarchist Party wants to take part in the life of the nation, confident that, with its energy and its respect for democratic principles, it can make a notable contribution.

Commander Lauro said that the Monarchist Party had 350,000 enrolled members and an incalculable amount of popular support. —Reuter.

Opening of Aid Plan meeting

Brussels, December 18.

The Belgian Minister, M. Paul Van Zeeland, will leave Brussels tomorrow for Paris to preside over the meeting of the Marshall Plan's Inner Cabinet, due to open on Tuesday.

M. Van Zeeland, the current Chairman of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, is also the President of the seven-power Committee of the ERP, who are meeting on Tuesday at the Paris Chateau de la Muette, the seat of the OEEC.

The Belgian Government has decided to press with all the means at its disposal towards the earliest possible implementation of a recent decision by the OEEC's Governing Council to lift 50 per cent of the existing trade quotas, a source close to the Belgian Government said here today.

Cripps' proposal
The proposal to free 50 per cent of the intra-European trade was made by Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, during the last Marshall Aid talks in Paris early in November.

Britain has already submitted to the OEEC the lists of goods she is prepared to free. Usually well informed circles said here today that the Belgian lists are ready as far as raw materials and industrial goods are concerned.

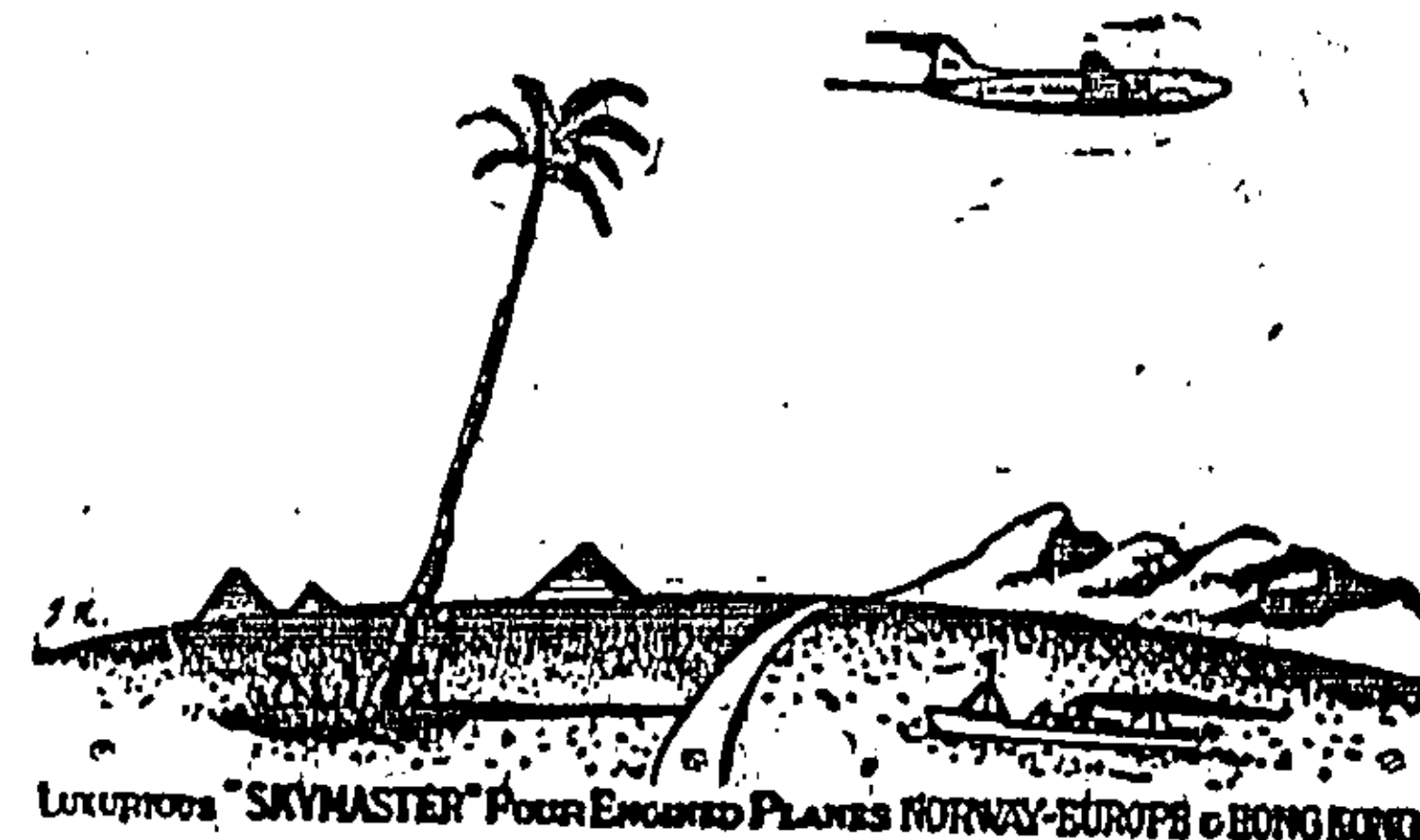
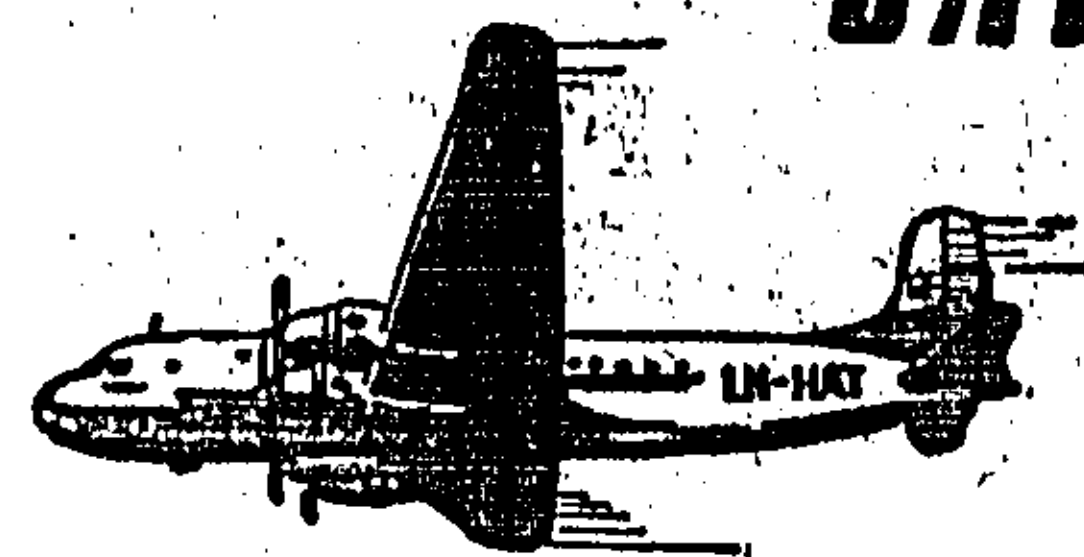
Last minute touches, however, are being put to the list of agricultural goods to be freed. —Reuter.

CONSTELLATION BADLY DAMAGED

Chicago, December 18.

Twenty-five persons aboard a Constellation crashed in a today when the brakes on the landing gear failed as it landed, leaving it free to run the length of the runway and plough through the fence into the street. The plane was badly damaged. —United Press.

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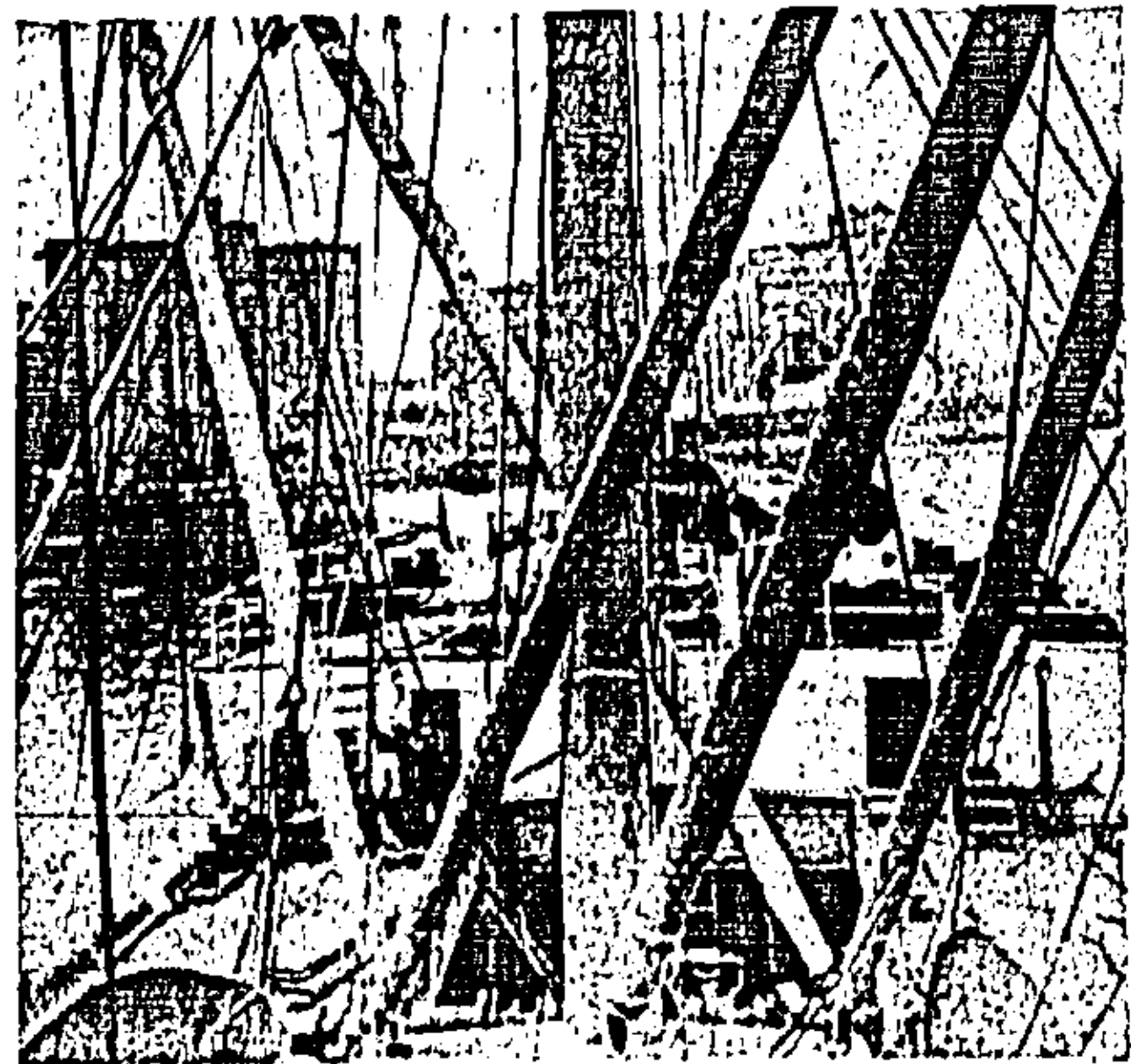
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Germans meet to found anti-Stalinist Labour Party; 20 Reds attend

Professor calls for China aid

New Haven, Connecticut,
December 18.
A Yale authority on international relations tonight said that United States recognition of Communist China would be an open invitation to eventual disaster.

The Chinese Communist regime, according to Mr. Davis N. Rowe, is "essentially an ideological and political appendage of the Soviet Union. So much so that it expressed hearty support of Premier Stalin's belief in the inevitability of war with us."

"And," added Mr. Rowe, "the regime has already pledged its support to the Soviet Union for the purposes of such a war."

Mr. Rowe urged the U.S. government to supply all possible assistance to Chinese individuals and groups wishing to continue resisting the Communists.

Facing the facts about this totalitarian regime is essential to any rational Far Eastern policy, he declared.

"If it becomes necessary for us to help keep the island of Taiwan out of Communist hands," Mr. Rowe asserted, "we should face it. If our political and military planners cannot think of an acceptable way in which to accomplish this, we might as well declare ourselves out of the game and withdraw entirely from the Far East to cut out our losses."

"We must remember, however, that to do this is to increase strongly the likelihood of another war, a war certainly not less to be feared because it might take 20 years to develop. There are many other actions which we might well take. The first essential, however, is to deny recognition to the Chinese Communists," he declared.

Mr. Rowe, Associate Professor of International Relations and Research Associate in the Institute of International Studies at Yale, expressed these views in the weekly radio programme "Yale Interprets the News."—Associated Press.

SCANDINAVIAN REDS MEET

Stockholm, December 18.
Leaders of the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian Communist parties met in Gothenburg today to discuss closer co-operation after their recent purges of unreliable members.

A joint communique issued after the meeting said: "The Anglo-American imperialists' increased military preparations show the danger of a new world war is growing rapidly."

The Scandinavian countries' independence, it added, "is threatened by the increased influence of the United States."—Reuter.

Berlin, December 18.
Germans, said to include present and former Communists, met in Berlin today to found an anti-Stalinist independent Labour Party of Germany, it was reported here tonight.

The Constituent meeting, held in the French sector, was attended by an undisclosed number of West German Communists and about 20 unidentified Communists living in the Soviet zone, it was added.

Reports quoted a Herr Renner, of the Communist group in the Lower House of the West German Parliament, as declaring afterwards that branches of the new Party would shortly be set up in Western Germany.

But tonight Herr Heinz Renner, the Communist Parliamentary Group's Chairman in an interview with the West German news agency DPA at his home at Essen in the Ruhr stated that reports that he had helped to form the new Party were utter nonsense.

Herr Heinz Renner—the only Communist of that name in the Bundestag—has always been known as a firm supporter of Stalin.

Silly inventions

Last week in Bonn he described as silly inventions foreign press reports that he had replaced Herr Max Reimann as leader of the West German Communist Party.

Other reports of today's meeting said that it had appointed Herr Karl-Heinz Scholz, a pro-Hitler Communist Party official, to head the Berlin organisation of the new party.

In the past year Herr Scholz had already made two attempts to found a "free Communist Party" in Western Berlin but each was banned by the Allied Kommandatura.

One of those at today's meeting told reporters, "We expect that approximately 40 per cent of West German Communists will ultimately join our new Party since it fights both the extreme Right and the extreme Left."

Stalin has strayed the name of Communism so much that nobody will talk to us any more. We shall fight both Soviet expansion and bourgeois imperialism," he added.

No responsible officials were available at West German Communist Party headquarters here tonight to comment on the report of the formation of the new party.—Reuter.

31 Women among candidates

Sofia, December 18.
Among the candidates in today's Bulgarian general elections were 31 women. Foreign correspondents in Sofia for the Kestov trial visited polling stations in the capital and the coal-mining centre of Dimitrovo, formerly Terzik, and now called after the late Prime Minister, George Dimitroff.

Gaily decorated polling stations had groups of singers and dancers, many of them in brightly coloured peasant costumes, and as the day passed the country took on a spirit of a national holiday.

Portraits of Dimitroff and other Bulgarian leaders were to be seen everywhere and many houses flew the Bulgarian national colours with the Red flag of the Communist Party.

The heaviest voting appeared to be in Dimitrovo, whose Parliamentary candidate, 60-year-old Alexander Milenkov, was with Dimitroff in the lead of the miners' march on Sofia in 1908.

Dimitrovo miners, according to statements to the newspaper correspondents, seem to be among the most enthusiastic supporters of the present Government.

Many of them get more pay than Bulgaria's Cabinet Ministers. They pay no rent for their Government-constructed flats. Their canteen meals are free and the Government pays all their medical, dental, insurance and old-age pensions.

The voting procedure in Bulgaria is on a secret ballot and similar to other Eastern European countries. Candidates on the list are certain of election since they were chosen by elimination at thousands of local pre-electoral meetings throughout the country.—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S ROYAL QUESTION

Brussels, December 18.
The five-year-old Royal question, which is splitting the nation into two opposed camps, will doubtless leap to the fore next January, when a Bill providing for a referendum on whether provisionally exiled King Leopold should return to the throne, will be debated by the Belgian Chamber of Deputies (the Lower House) early in January.

The Bill has already been passed by the Belgian Senate—the Upper House—where the Catholics predominate.—Reuter.

Parade in Egypt



Sherman tanks of the Egyptian Army are seen rolling through the streets of Cairo during a parade in which Army and Air Force combined to show their new equipment. Thousands of people jammed the streets and buildings to witness the event.—(Associated Press. Photo).

Uncle Joe will never suffer from cold feet

London, December 18.

Marshal Josef Stalin, who will be 70 on Wednesday, would have to live many centuries more to wear out all the slippers and socks in the astonishing flood of birthday presents which is pouring in on Moscow.

It would take him many more years to drink all the fine wine, read all the books and play with all the toys that are being sent to him.

More useful, should he care for a buggy ride, is a carriage from Bulgaria. The horse to pull it will be sent later because they are being reared and conditioned with the greatest of care and they are not quite prime.

From Bulgaria also went a strange set of books of which he probably will not read every line. There are more than 100 volumes filled with the signatures of hundreds of thousands of Bulgarians who send birthday greetings.

There were 17 persons in the delegation which left Bucharest to deliver Rumania's car loads of presents. Possibly significant was the fact that among persons at the railway station to wave off the delegation was the Rumanian Foreign Minister, Ana Pauker.

Her presence discredited recent rumours she is losing favour in some Communist quarters.

Workers of the Svet Shaktara plant in Kharkov, Russia, came through with a rather untimely present, a belt transporter for coal which was said to be two or three times more efficient than any belt transporter ever made. It was assumed Stalin will prefer to leave it at some mine.—Associated Press.

fact, just to give away personally the fantastic conglomeration of objects which Communists of numerous lands thought would be appropriate for "Uncle Joe." Reports indicate there will be more than 1,000,000 parcels with tags saying approximately "Happy Birthday."

Marshal Stalin doubtless will want to give away many of the gifts for, despite the well-meaning enthusiasm of his admirers, some of them are scarcely appropriate for a gentleman of 70.

The socks, for instance, French Communists reported that in the socks department, sizes ranged from nine to 12. The difficulty seemed to be that among other secrets preserved within the walls of the Kremlin is the size of Stalin's feet. So slippers, socks, sandals, spats, boots and boot jacks are sent in all likely sizes. Something ought to fit.

Nylon problem
Stalin also may not quite know what to do with nylon stockings made for women or 17 dolls sent from France or a gas meter or a racing bicycle from Italy.

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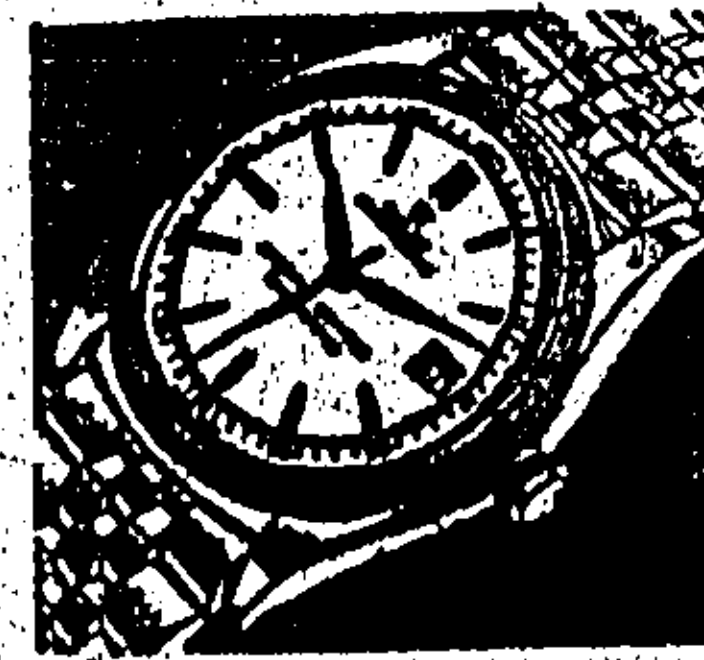
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RUSSIA CONSTRUCTING FLEET OF 1,000 SUBS; 400 ON ASIATIC COAST

Politburo member's appointment

Moscow, December 18.—It was announced today that a Politburo member, Nikita Khrushchev, had been elected secretary of the Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party. He was also elected first secretary of the Moscow district Communist Party, replacing C. M. Popov, who is taking a responsible municipal construction job.

The announcement said Khrushchev was relieved from his post as first secretary of the Ukrainian Central Committee of the Communist Party in view of his election to the all-Union Party post.

L. G. Melnikov, formerly Khrushchev's deputy in the Ukraine, will succeed him as first secretary and A. Kuchenchuk has been named second secretary of the Ukrainian Party.

Khrushchev, a former worker, is a veteran Bolshevik and has been a Politburo member since before the war. He was secretary of the Moscow committee of the Communist Party for some time before the war and spent the war years as a member of the Military Council on the Ukrainian front.

London comment
The chief significance of the election of Khrushchev as a member of the secretariat of the Central Committee of the Russian All-Union Communist Party apparently is that C. M. Popov has been eliminated, diplomatic quarters in London suggested tonight.

The Central Committee of the All-Union Party is nominally the principal body but the Politburo of the Party actually rules the country. The secretariat of the Central Committee comprises Joseph Stalin, Georgi Malenkov, A. Andreiev, Alexei Kuznetsov, M. A. Suslov and now Khrushchev.

Popov had held his post in the secretariat automatically because he was secretary of the Central Committee for the Moscow district. Popov is not a member of the Politburo, nor is Suslov.

Popov has never been prominent internationally, though he has long been among the leaders of the Communist Party.

Nikita Sergeevich Khrushchev is 55 years old. He worked as a farm labourer in his youth, then became a fitter in the Donetz Basin factories. He was active in the first days of the 1917 revolution. In 1918 he joined the Bolshevik Party and took part in the civil war.

After that he returned to work in the Basin and also completed his education. He then entered Communist Party work. He became secretary successively of increasingly important Party groups. He became a candidate for the Politburo in 1938 and was made a full member next year.

Khrushchev is given credit for much of the progress made in building up Moscow as a modern city. During the war he organized guerrilla warfare against the Germans. He holds the rank of Lieutenant-general.—United Press.

London, December 19.—"Jane's Fighting Ships" reported today the Soviet Union is speeding construction of a fleet of 1,000 submarines. Four hundred of these are to be based on the Asiatic Coast.

The authoritative guide to the world's fighting ships also said Russia is building three battleships equipped to fire radio controlled aerial torpedoes. Each is a 35,000-ton warship. Two may already be in commission.

"Jane's" said the new Russian undersea fleet will include a new type "with a great range and a very high submerged speed."

"Jane's" said the USSR is believed to have about 300 submarines already and more than 100 new ones planned for delivery this year. "Jane's" continued: "The construction of submarines is of special priority. Under the current naval construction programme, within the new Five-Year Plan, it was hoped to have 1,000 completed for service by 1950-51, of which 400 were to be in the Far East, 300 in the Baltic and the remainder in the White and Black Seas.

"But it is extremely doubtful whether the Russians have the shipyard capacity and the trained technicians necessary to build an underwater fleet of this size in such a short time."

750 by 1951

"Jane's" said later information indicates the Soviet Navy at present hopes to have 750 submarines in service at the end of 1951.

Some of these are being pre-fabricated at Baltic yards and shipped to Asiatic ports for assembling.

"Jane's" said all three of the new battleships are 35,000 tons, 225 feet long, with a beam of 33 feet and a draft of 22 feet. They weigh 45,000 tons fully loaded.

"They are said to be equipped with two catapult towers for firing radio controlled aerial torpedoes and they have, in addition, an orthodox main armament of six 16 inch guns."

"The armament is also said to include rocket firing apparatus, and guns are radio controlled."

Previously Russia had three battleships, all of them about 23,000 tons.

At present the U.S. has only one battleship in service—the 45,000-ton Missouri "Jane's" said Britain does not have a single battleship in service.

But there are signs that new fleets are in the making," it said. "Warships are being designed, not as improvements or developments of previous classes, but

Dutch deputy returns home
Schiphol Airfield, Holland.

December 18.—The Dutch Deputy Prime Minister, arrived here by air this afternoon after a three-week's visit to Indonesia.

He was welcomed at Schiphol Airport by the Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees. "I certainly do not return pessimistically," Mr. Van Schaik said. "I have not been able to discover definite difficulties in connection with the transfer of sovereignty."

The Deputy Premier said that he had found no signs of unrest worth mentioning. On the Indonesian side everything was being done to maintain law and order.—Reuter.

Smuggling of arms via colony

Manila, December 19.

The Chinese Nationalist government, through Minister Chen Chih-ping, has complained to President Elpidio Quirino that American surplus arms are reaching Communist China from the Philippines via Hong Kong.

President Quirino revealed at a press conference last night that the Chinese Nationalist Minister had demanded an investigation of gun running from here and asked that practice be halted.

Mr. Quirino promised the Chinese Envoy he would have the matter probed at once.

The Chinese Minister was quoted by Mr. Quirino as saying that guns and amphibian boats from surplus war stocks left on the islands by the U.S. have been shipped to the Communists by private parties. The Chinese Nationalists, fearing an imminent invasion of Taiwan by the Reds, want the traffic halted at once.

Philippine government sources said they had no knowledge of such activity and cast some doubts on the validity of the Chinese complaint.—Associated Press.

Competition to stimulate rubber industry

New York, December 18.

A U.S. rubber executive says healthy competition between natural and synthetic rubbers will stimulate continued progress by rubber growers and the industry generally.

Mr. John L. Collier, President of B. F. Goodrich Company, made the statement in comment on a recent announcement that British and French growers in the Orient would spend about \$1,000,000 in the United States next year to promote increased use of natural rubber.

Funds for the campaign will be raised by an assessment on all

African wedding



Samuel Layiwola Burosaro (left) watches with affection as his wife, former Mojibola Omolede Ooker, signs the register after their wedding at Fulham Methodist Church, London. Samuel is a 25-year-old Law student from Ibadan, Nigeria. His wife who is also 25, is a teacher in Lagos, Nigeria, but is at present studying at the Institute of Education. (AP Photo).

Study of Socialist policy completed

Oxford, December 18.

Twelve Socialist members of Parliament, who had been meeting in Oxford since Friday, tonight completed a study of Socialist policy on which they have been engaged for some months.

After the meeting one of them, Mr. Ian Mikardo, said that a report on the purpose of the meeting by a political commentator in the "Sunday Express" today was grossly inaccurate in a number of respects.

He would not specify the inaccuracies or divulge what happened at the meeting.

The "Sunday Express" article had said that Socialist Members of Parliament meeting at Oxford were discussing what action could be taken to ensure that if the Party won the next general election, Mr. Ernest Bevin did not remain as Foreign Secretary.

Among Members of Parliament at the meeting were the Parliamentary Private Secretaries of three Government Ministers.

They were Mr. Donald Bruce, Colonel George Wigg and Mrs. Barbara Castle, Parliamentary Private Secretaries respectively to the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan (a leading Left-wing Cabinet member), the

Minister for War, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson.

"Master's voice"

The "Sunday Express" writer suggested that Mr. Bruce and Colonel Wigg had behind them the power of personal association with Mr. Bevan and Mr. Shinwell and that neither of them journeyed to Oxford without his master's permission.

He asserted that Mr. Bevan and Mr. Shinwell had found a point of agreement—that Socialism and Mr. Ernest Bevin cannot both survive.

A statement issued by the Members of Parliament after their meetings ended tonight said that the study of Socialist policy on which they had been engaged will be published by the "New Statesman" (leftist weekly review) early in January and will include both a review of the achievements of the Government since 1945 and discussion of Socialist policy in its second term of power.—Reuter.

COMMITTEE TO SELECT CABINET

Batavia, December 18.—Dr. Soekarno, sworn-in yesterday as the first President of the newly-created United States of Indonesia, announced here tonight that he had appointed a four-man Committee to select a Cabinet.

The Committee comprised the Republican Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, the Premier of East Indonesia, Anuk Agung, the Defence Minister, Guntur Hamengkumuwong of Jogjakarta, and the Sultan Hamid of Pontianak.

Dr. Soekarno said that he had appointed a Committee of four, instead of three as stipulated in the Constitution, because he "wanted a flawless agreement."

The Cabinet is expected to be selected tomorrow night.

Meanwhile, the Dutch authorities announced tonight the impending arrival of 500 Republican police from Jogjakarta and 200 Dutch-offered Indonesian police from other areas to assist in maintaining order in the Batavia district during the sovereignty celebrations on December 27.

Six thousand Republican Army troops would also reinforce Batavia's 3,000 civil police.

Reliable military sources estimated that about 30,000 Dutch troops would be concentrated in the Batavia area.—Reuter.

Budget to be debated by Assembly

Paris, December 18.

French Cabinet Ministers tried to pare Departmental budgets tonight in preparation for the National Assembly debate tomorrow on the government's record high 1950 budget.

The Prime Minister, Georges Bidault, ordered all possible economies before the Assembly itself takes the axe to his request for 2,275,000,000,000 francs to run France during next year.

Mr. Bidault is expected to warn the Assembly that it must pass a balanced version by December 31 or face possible loss of Marshall plan funds. He has let it be known that if the Assembly refuses to go along the 153 Deputies of the Catholic Popular Republic Party will not participate in a future coalition government.

The Assembly will get a confused, mutilated version of the budget reported on by the Finance Committee, which cut more than 100,000,000,000 francs from M. Bidault's estimates. The Cabinet is expected to refuse many of the cuts, however, and the Parties are sharply split on just where economies should be made.—United Press.



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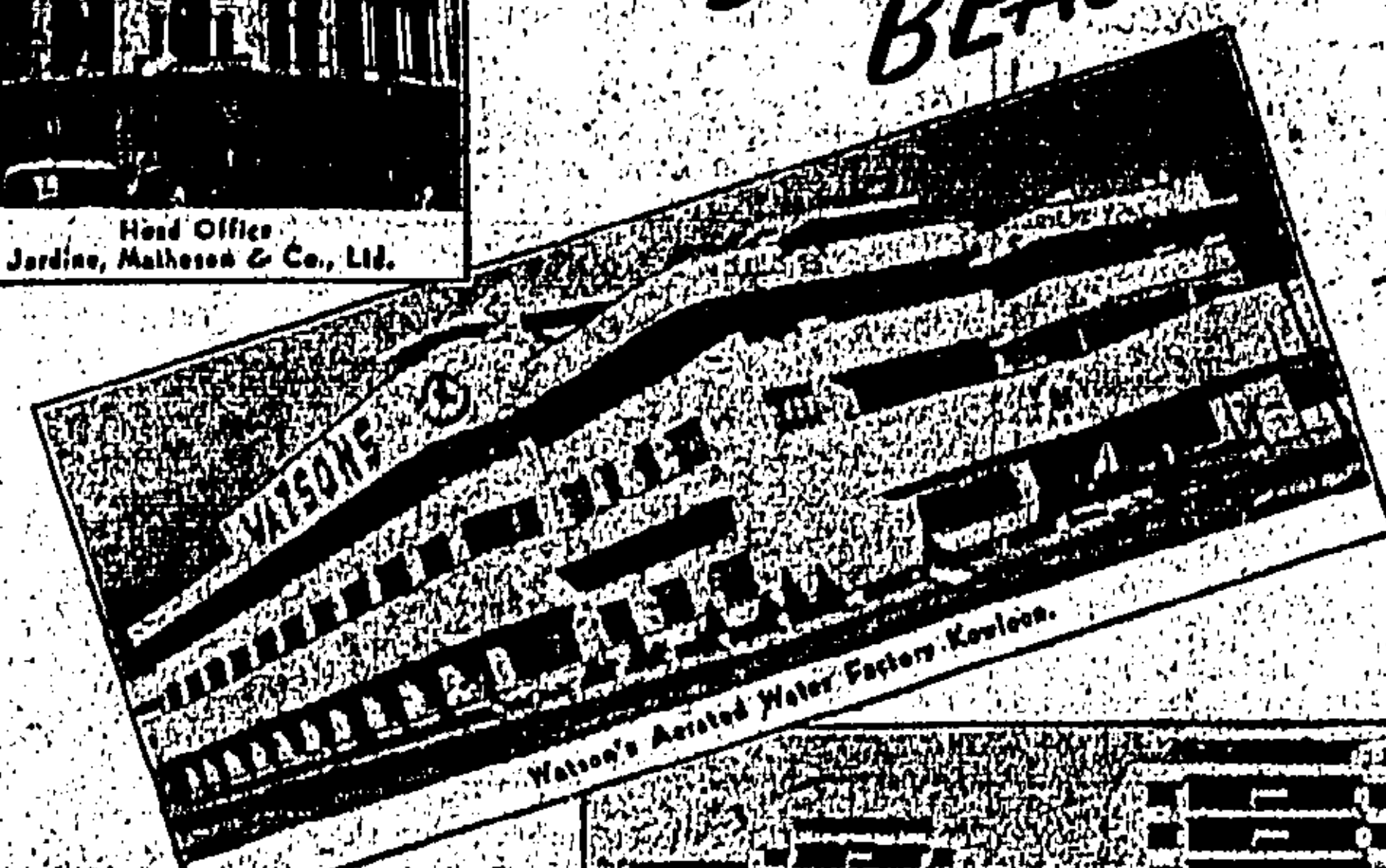
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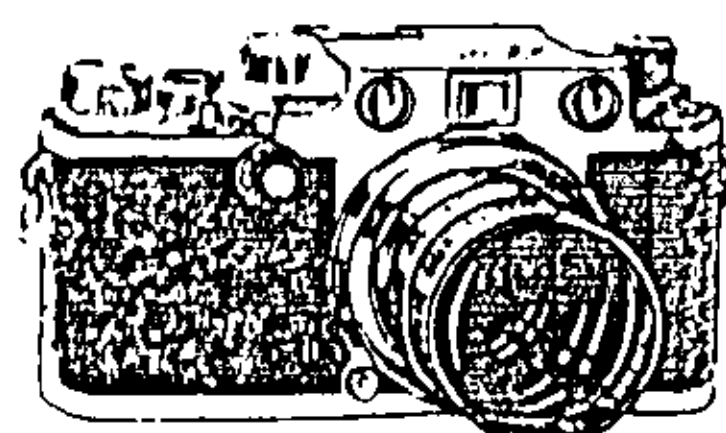
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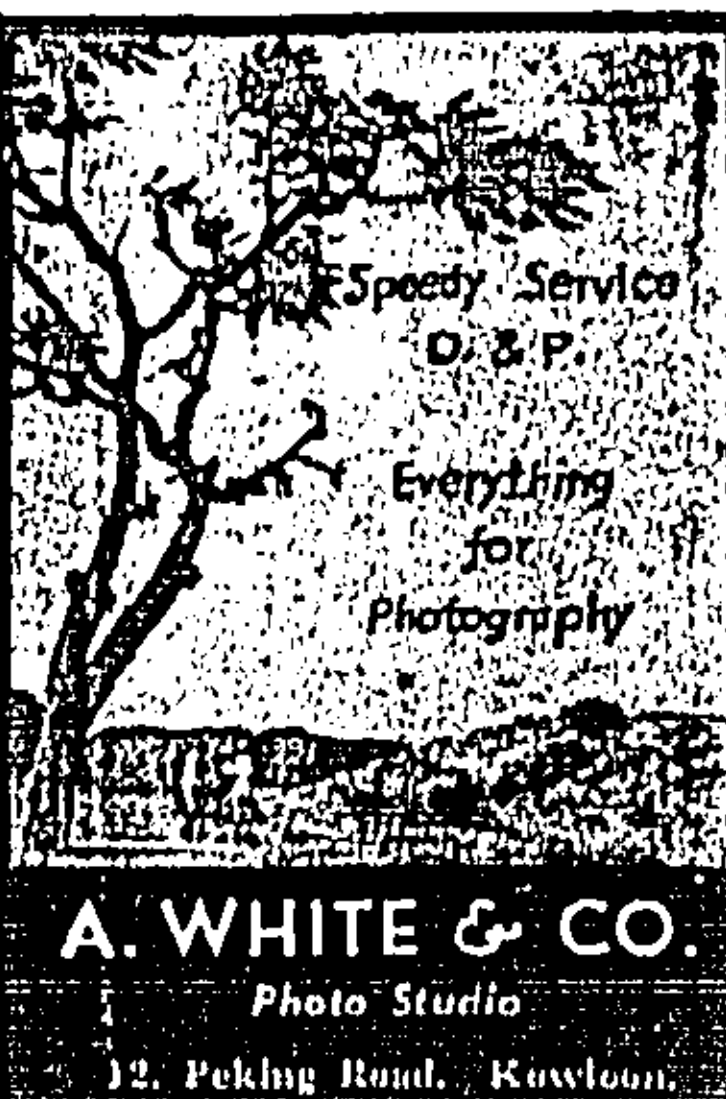
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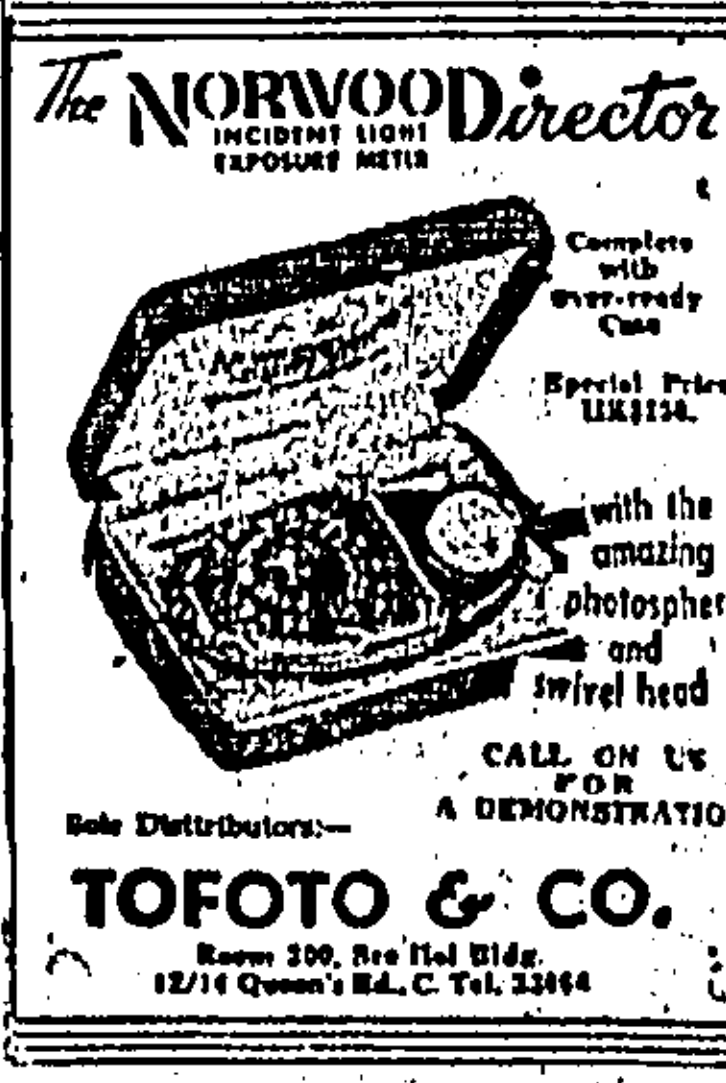


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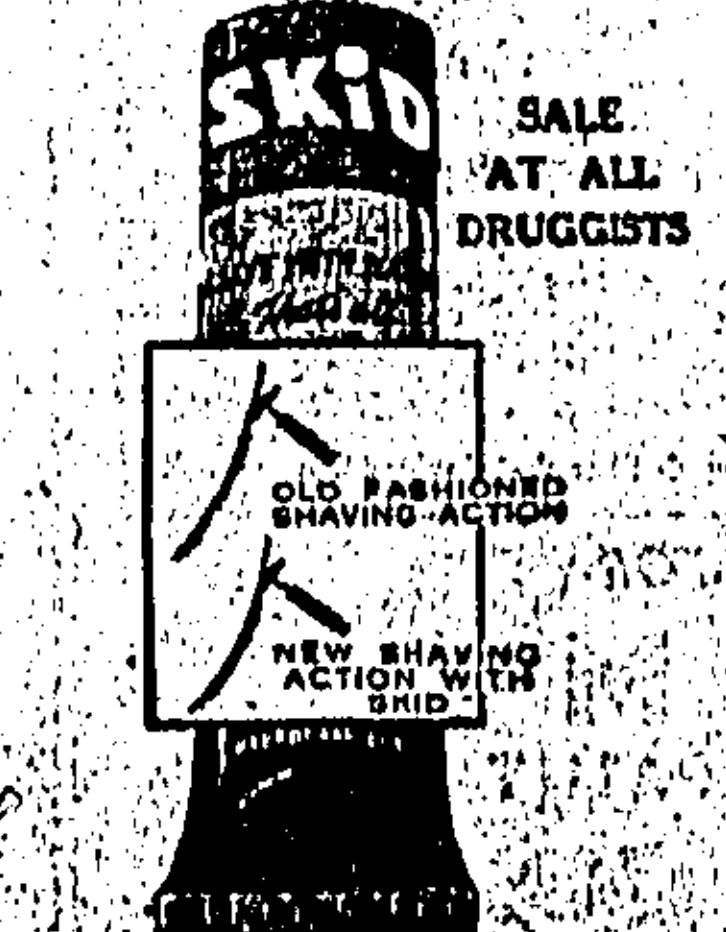
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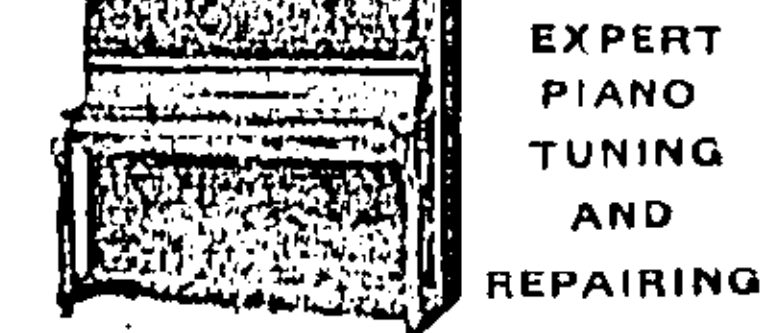
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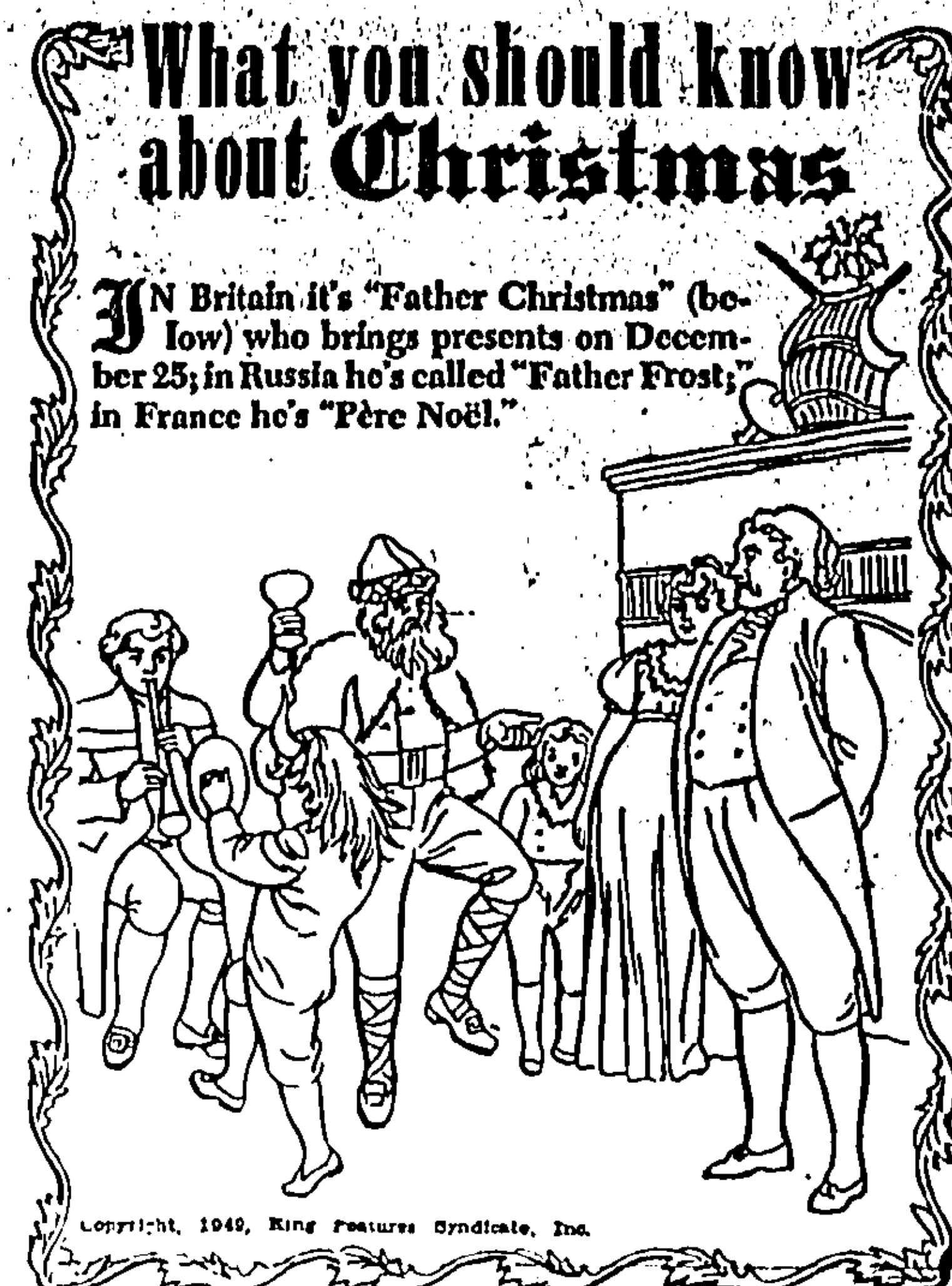
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What you should know about Christmas

IN Britain it's "Father Christmas" (below) who brings presents on December 25; in Russia he's called "Father Frost"; in France he's "Père Noël."

Bernard Baruch lists important developments

New York, December 18.

Elder statesman Bernard Baruch believes that the most important development of the first half of the 20th century was the advance of more than 20 years in the life expectancy of man. Replying to a United Press poll of distinguished citizens, whose careers have spanned the first 50 years of the century, Baruch emphasized that social and economic problems were posed by present-day longevity.

No. 2 on Baruch's list was the First World War. He added he did not think there was proper grasping of the results of that conflict. As to World War II which was third on his list, Baruch said it was preventable and that no lessons were learned from it or from the first war, either.

Here is the text of the reply which Baruch sent in a long way from his home in South Carolina:

"1. Advance of more than 20 years in life expectancy with all social, ethical and economic problems.

"2. The First World War. No grasping of results, especially advance of masses who went on treks towards the justifiable demand of amelioration of their condition and hope for peace.

"3. The Second World War (unnecessary), preventable if steps taken—no lessons were learned from it or the first war.

"4. Advent of atomic energy with possibilities for peace or war.

"5. Woodrow Wilson's new freedom.

"6. The League of Nations and United Nations. Evidence of man's yearning for peace.

"7. The birth of the Communist and police state—Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo, Stalin.

"8. Man's loss of confidence in himself and turning too much to the state instead of himself.

"9. The many conquests of physical laws but increasing inability to adapt ourselves to complex economic laws or them to us.

"10. Advance in education—to make use of greater knowledge."—United Press.

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Von Manstein sentenced to 18 Years imprisonment

Hamburg, December 19.

Field Marshal Erich Von Manstein was sentenced here today to 18 years imprisonment by the British military court trying him.

Tall, imperious, white-haired Field-Marshal Von Manstein regarded his war crimes trial before a British Military Court as another battle in which he was commander.

As Mr. R. T. Paget, chief defence counsel, once said, the 62-year-old Field-Marshal directed his own defence, his haughty nature not lightly brooking suggestions from others.

For more than 60 sessions Hitler's mee commander walked directly to the dock every morning and afternoon escorted by a British officer. He rose and bowed respectfully when members of the Court entered.

In spite of his age and four and a half years in captivity, his intellectual powers have remained outstanding.

The seven senior British Army officers composing the Court listened almost spell-bound while he gave from a witness-box a nearly technical description of his operations in Russia. They followed every detail closely with the aid of large-scale German Staff maps.

On a few occasions during the long trial Manstein unmasked the man behind the highly trained and ruthless military mind.

Sometimes he grew excited and thumped the sides of the dock while instructing his counsel, some of whom stood meekly before him like raw recruits.

Throughout the trial he claimed that he had never been a Nazi and that he regarded the leading Nazi officials as vulgar upstarts.

Deep feeling

Though he spent 10 days in the witness box he rarely showed any emotion. He displayed feeling when he mentioned the death of his Aide de Camp.

"He was very young, impudent and high spirited, and I loved him like a son," Manstein said.

He was also moved by Mr. Paget's closing speech and wrung his hand repeatedly afterwards with tears in his eyes. On many days his wife watched him from the public gallery. As soon as he entered the dock he always looked up at her, smiled encouragement and waved his hand.

Physically, Manstein stood the trial well—thanks to his tough

constitution and the careful attention of the British doctors at the Army General Hospital where he has lived for over a year.

A constant handicap which had dogged him for years is the state of his eyes, which are badly affected by cataract, thus making the reading of the numerous documents a heavy strain. The British Army provided him with two pairs of glasses to remedy the defect.

While he was a prisoner in England from 1945 to 1948 he wrote a book on a united Europe which a Hamburg publisher plans to bring out shortly.—Reuter.

RAIN STORMS OVER SWEDEN

Stockholm, December 18. Violent rain storms, sweeping over Sweden, in the past 24 hours, have sent ships scurrying into port for shelter.

Lifeboats were still searching the evening for a fish-boat which failed to return to Fisksala, near Stockholm. In some of the low-lying Stockholm suburbs pedestrians had to wade knee deep in water.

Moelndal, near Gothenburg, was flooded nearly six feet deep in places.—Reuter.

Peace meeting over traditional cup of coffee

Beersheba, December 18.

Israel and Jordanian military commanders, meeting over traditional Bedouin cups of coffee, today removed some of the minor causes of friction in their Palestine relations arising from nomad tribal movements in the Hebron-Beersheba area, South West of Jerusalem.

At the same time, reports said that negotiations between the two countries were progressing towards an overall agreement in Palestine following on their armistice pact last April.

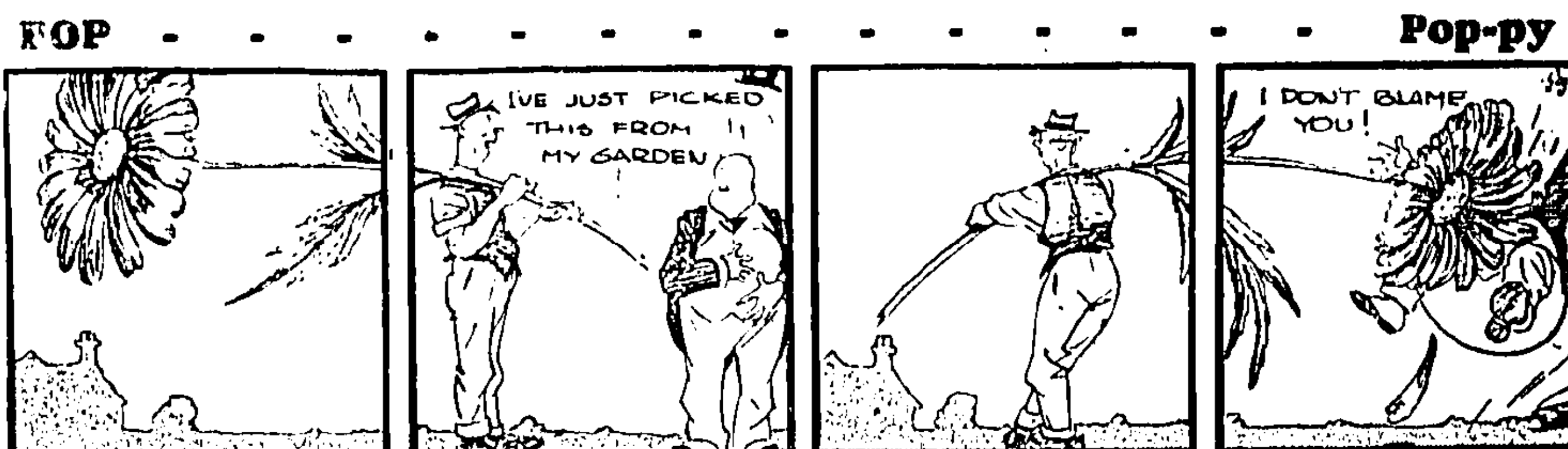
One-eyed Colonel Moshe Dayan, Israel's former Commander in Jerusalem, met Colonel Mohammed Monia, of Jordan, for today's talks in a Bedouin encampment near Dahariya.

First they discussed the problem of the future location of the Bedouin tribe of Azazma, which last month was forced by the Israelis to cross the frontier lines into Jordan territory.

They decided that 600 of these Bedouins will remain in Jordan. Then the two Commanders discussed the recent mining of an Israeli jeep near Beit Jibrin on a road which the Israelis allowed Arabs to use. The Israelis had complained that the explosion killed two Israeli soldiers and wounded two others.

The incident was described as a violation of the Jordan-Israeli Armistice agreement.

Today the Jordan officer promised a speedy investigation.—Reuter.



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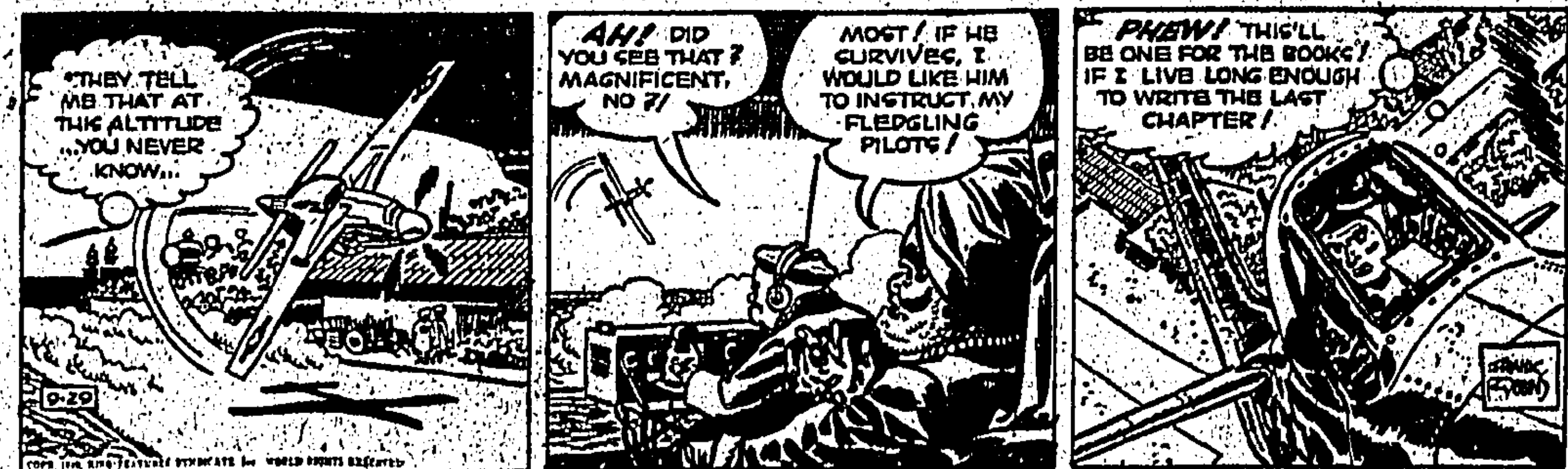
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12.45	The Subliminal
12.55	Light Variety
1.00	News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.15	Interlude.
1.30	"Orchestra of the Week"—London Philharmonic Orchestra.
2.00	Close Down.
6.00	"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.02	"It's Swing Time"
6.10	Cantonese by Radio—Given by Miss Wai Lan and Mr. S. K. Lee (Lesson 6) (Studio)
6.15	The Maleschew Stripes
7.00	World News and News Analysis (London Relay)
7.15	American Letter by Allstate Cooke (London Relay) Recorded
7.30	"Stage and Screen Favorites"—Presented by Alice Woods (Studio)
8.00	From the Editorials (London Relay)
8.10	Linda Carter Talks on Films (Studio)
8.30	The "Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries (Part 3)
9.00	New Symphony Orchestra
9.10	"Services Spotlight"—Concert by the Band of the South Staffordshire Regiment
10.00	Radio News Reel (London Relay)
10.15	Weather Report
10.30	"Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra Conducted by Gilbert Vinter (BBC Trans)
10.45	Dance To The Rhythm and Life Pictures and Tony Martin (Guest)
11.15	Weather Report World and Home News from Britain (Recorded London Relay)
11.30	God Save the King
11.55	Close Down

Cruelty to animals charge

On a charge of cruelty to animals, Lo Kan, coxswain of the motor junk "Tai Nin", which arrived here from Tsam-kong on Sunday morning with 161 passengers, was fined \$200 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

The junk was intercepted off Green Island by Water Police who found 161 passengers aboard. Pigs were stacked eight crates high and about 30 of them were found dead at the bottom of the junk on her arrival here.

In imposing the maximum fine under the ordinance Mr. Wicks said that should defendant in the future come up before him on a similar charge he would send him to prison.

Defendant is facing a charge of carrying an excess of passengers in the Marine Court. He is on \$4,000 bail.

The junk, according to officials of the Tung Hing Shipping Company, owners of the boat, was the last one to leave the Kwang-chowan port before the Communist occupation of the city when the evacuation order was given by Nationalist authorities last Friday.

Illegal transmitter possession

Three men, Wong Po, aged 27, Cheung Tong, aged 26, and Lui Shiu-kee, aged 24, were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with alleged illegal possession of radio apparatus and with using the premises of 2, Canal Street, West, first floor as a radio station without a permit on October 28.

Both Cheung Tong and Lui Shiu-kee, a clerk employed by Lane Crawford and Company were charged with being occupiers of the premises where the radio apparatus was installed.

Inspector D.B.L. Grew said that the premises were raided at 11.30 a.m. on October 29 and the receiving sets were found to be still warm, indicating that they had been in use prior to the arrival of the raiding party. There were three cubicles and a sitting room.

After hearing the evidence of members of the raiding party, the case was adjourned to today.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

	Price	Price
Yellow Croaker	1.18	0.18
Shrimp	1.50	0.50
Other Crustaceans	1.50	1.50
Ginger Fish	1.25	1.81
White Pomfret (large)	2.30	2.80
White Pomfret (small)	1.45	1.80
Mackerel (large)	1.15	1.45
Mackerel (small)	1.15	1.45
Golden Thread	1.17	1.15
Horse Head (large)	1.20	1.10
Horse Head (small)	1.20	1.10
Common Fish	1.15	1.10
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.35	1.21
Red Sea Bream (small)	1.10	1.05
Sunday's prices were—		
Yellow Croaker	1.15	1.10
Shrimp	1.50	1.50
Other Crustaceans	1.50	1.50
Ginger Fish	1.25	1.81
White Pomfret (large)	2.30	2.80
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Horse Head (small)	1.20	1.10
Common Fish	1.15	1.10
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.35	1.21
Red Sea Bream (small)	1.10	1.05
White Herring	1.15	1.10
Half Trout	1.15	1.10

Govt. Rice controller testifies

Mr. W. Christensen, Government Rice Controller, gave evidence yesterday in the trial of four former government employees who are facing charges of larceny and aiding and abetting larceny involving 130 bags of government rice worth more than \$24,000.

Mr. Christensen said that on the day in question, September 23, he had given no permission or instruction to Ho Wal-lam, cargo supervisor of the Department of Supplies and Distribution, Rice Section, and Ho Tin-ying, an elderly clerk at the Rice Section, to take delivery of rice at godown 38F of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

He said that defendants, attached to the Hong Kong office, were not asked to perform any duty on the day on September 23.

Both defendants are charged with the theft of the rice. Two others who are charged with aiding and abetting in the theft are Cheung Lun, a clerk at the Ship Vicks (Kowloon) and Cheung Kwan, a clerk at the Depot.

RICE RATIONING

During the rationing period from December 21 to 25, inclusive, government rice will be issued at 4½ catty a person at 60 cents a catty, it was officially announced yesterday.

Sealed junks containing samples of the rice will be displayed in each retail shop.

If the rice issued does not conform with the sample displayed the public is requested to communicate with the Rice Controller's Office (Telephone 30274) and forward samples.

Mechanic fined

An 18-year-old mechanic, Chan Chun-kee, was fined a total of \$450 or 50 days by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for driving private car No. 1723 along Ewo Road on Sunday without a valid licence, failing to stop after an accident, driving in a dangerous manner and driving without the owner's permission.

Chan pleaded guilty to all charges.

Sub-inspector W. Cameron said that at 7.15 p.m. on Sunday Chan drove the car along Ewo Street and ran into Lau Kwan who was waiting for a tram. He failed to stop after the accident, and when the Police arrived 10 minutes later the injured man was still lying on the road. A 48-foot skull mark was seen on the surface of the road.

After inquiries had been made Chan was arrested and admitted his guilt. He was ordered to pay \$300 as compensation to Lau Kwan.

ILLEGAL GOLD IMPORT

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Mrs. Kuo Si-ko, who arrived here by air from Taipei on Sunday, by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday, for importing five gold coins and two gold bracelets weighing 8.3 taels without a permit.

The gold was ordered returned to her.

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED

Latest donation to the St. John's Cathedral Cemetery Appeal is—Mrs. Pasmore and Mrs. Dudley (in memory of the late Mrs. N. Capell) \$10.

NEW ARMY COUP IN DAMASCUS

Damascus, December 19. Sami Hinnawi, Syrian Chief of Staff, who overthrew the Huzzi Zaim regime on August 14, was arrested here today in a new coup d'etat.

Troops occupied Government House and other official buildings.

The cause of the coup d'etat, Syria's third in five months, was unknown, but reports attributed it to Syrian officers' dislike for the projected Syrian-Iraqi union.

Hinnawi was arrested with his brother-in-law, Assad Talass, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Army units occupied the Army headquarters and cordoned off the main streets. They surrounded airfields and halted all communications.

Hinnawi's supporters were rounded up early today and gunfire heard in Damascus this morning indicated some resistance from the guards.—Reuter.

Fined for selling above price

Pauline Tong of Pauline Store, 5 Caroline Hill Road, was yesterday fined \$400 by the Justice of Peace Court for selling a pound of French Butter at \$1.80 above the control price.

The cost of a pound of butter was \$2.70 and defendant sold it at \$4.50. Defendant was also fined \$100 for having no price tag. This was her second offence.

For selling one tin (24 oz) Apricot Jam, 1X15 cents above the control price, Mok Kwai-pling of the Wing Fing Store at 182 Wellington Street was fined \$200.

Lee Wah of the Wan Hing Store at 18 Kam Wah Street, Shaokwan, was also fined \$200 for selling a tin of jam 15 cents above the control price.

A fine of \$200 was imposed on Leung Nam-hing of the Sheung Chan Store at 9 Centre Street West for selling two pounds of sugar for 90 cents, 10 cents above the control price. Two pounds of sugar cost 80 cents.

Lai Mo-chung of the Cheung Hing Store at 1 Canal Road West was fined \$250 for having no price tag. This is his third offence.

Decree Nisi

A decree nisi to be made absolute in six months was yesterday granted at the Supreme Court to Sub-inspector Raymond Francis Bell of the Hong Kong Police.

The petitioner, who resides at 7 Ewo Street, Causeway Bay, applied before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, for a dissolution of his marriage to Jean Farquharson Thompson Bell, ground of adultery.

Bell was also granted the custody of their one child, as well as costs and damages in the sum of \$4,000 against Sidney Granville, named as co-respondent.

Mr. Charles Lesby, KC, instructed by Mr. M. da Silva, represented the petitioner. The action was not contested.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 6

Vocabulary:	
30. (yo) (2)ych	Things.
31. (mat) mut(1)	What?
32. (to) (3)dzoh	To do. To make.
33. (kin) geen(3)	To see. To feel.
34. (hai) hai(2)	In, on, at, by, from.
35. (ma) mah(3)	Interrogative final, meaning "or not?" (m+ah).
	A final sound, expressing finally.
30. (lok) lok(3)	What?
	To do what? What's the matter? What? Why?
	Good morning.
	See you again.
	Good morning.
	Good morning.
	What are you coming for? Why are you coming?
	I am coming to see him.
	He is not here.
	Where is he?
	He is there.
	What is he doing there?
	He is working there.
	Are you going to see him? Will you go to see him? I am not going to see him. I will not go to see him. See you again.
	See you again.

Rediffusion

A.M.	7.00—Up With The Sun.
	7.15—Setting Up Exercises.
	7.30—Musical Clock.
	7.45—Religious Breakfast Session.
	8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
	8.15—Christmas Calendar.
	8.30—Morning Music.
	8.45—Console & Keyboard.
	9.00—Music For All.
	11.00—The Four Knights.
	11.15—Walls Time.
	11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
	9.15.
	12.00—J.K. Stock Exchange.
	12.15—The Music of Christmas.
	12.30—Lullaby Music.
	1.00—Swing.
	1.15—From The Show.
	2.00—Variety Calls The Tune.
	4.15—Tropicana—A travestie in Limbo.
	4.30—Vocally Yours.
	5.00—Music Makers—Tommy Dorsey and Fred Waring.
	5.15—Children's Corner—with Betty Britt.
	5.30—Music Time.
	6.00—Radio Headliners—Hing Crosby, Jo Stafford, The Mills Brothers, Artie Shaw Orchestra.
	6.30—Fred Hartley Plays—A Programme from Australia.
	6.45—Richard Lin Sing.
	7.00—B.O.O. News.
	7.15—Concert Favourites—Light Concert Orchestra, directed by Harry Horlick—Organic "Norwegian Dance No. 2" The Last Spring, "Wedding Day at Troldhaugen" A "Joh. Lieke Dich
	7.45—Listen to Leibert.
	8.00—Harmonies—Harmony—Chamber Music—with O'Neill Shaw at the piano in classical selections.
	8.15—The Super-Gee Programme—Sammy Kaye and His Orchestra, with the Kaydets.
	8.30—Rediffusion Request Show—Conducted by Jackie Palmer.
	9.00—B.I.O. News.
	9.15—Local News—From Rediffusion studios.
	9.30—Vincent Lopez.
	9.45—"Free For All"—An audience participation show, presented for members of H.M. Armed Forces conducted by Dai Jenkins & Angus Macdonald from the Ballora & Sulliers' Home.
	10.00—"Story of the Carole" (3).
	10.15—"The Story of Handel"—Part 4—The Messiah! Feature—Relay From London.
	11.15—Dame Myra Hess (Pianist)—B.H.C. Relay.
	11.45—The Carol Singers.
	12.00—Close Down.

Rediffusion Christmas programme

Rediffusion has planned a special Christmas programme for its subscribers.

A series of daily broadcasts have been arranged for the week. The series include more than 40 special programmes of Christmas music, carols, dramatic presentations and other appropriate features.

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Highlights of Rediffusion's special Christmas week broadcasts will include two original dramatizations by Peter Newman, "The Spirit Within" at 11.15 p.m. on Wednesday and "The Christmas Organ" at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday. In addition Rediffusion will broadcast the major portion of Handel's "Messiah" on Friday at 2 p.m. and at 10.15 p.m. an hour's dramatization of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be featured.

On Christmas Day Rediffusion will broadcast specially arranged Yuletide programmes which will include the Christmas message by King George at 11 p.m. This will be preceded by a special BBC Christmas feature called "Commonwealth Christmas" direct from London. The King's Christmas message will be re-broadcast at 12 noon on Boxing Day.

Seaman fined \$50 at Central

Alex Chisholm, able seaman of HMS Dampier, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with assaulting and causing grievous bodily harm to Hans Bronselli, a merchant seaman outside the Seamen's Institute on December 12.

He was fined \$50 and bound over in the sum of \$250 for one year.

Peter Lloyd, able seaman, of H. M. S. Dampier, who was charged with the offence was discharged when the Police offered no evidence against him.

The complainant, Hans Bronselli, said that he wished to apply for compensation but would wait till the dentist sent him the bill for the cost of mending his teeth before he named the amount of money. He added that he wished the defendant to pay for his suit of clothes which had been ruined.

Sub-inspector J. Howlett said that such assaults had become very frequent in the area between the China Fleet Club and the Seamen's Institute and the Court to take a serious view of the case.

Lieutenant Benson said that the defendant had been in the Navy three years and had a very good record. He also told the Court that disciplinary measures would be taken against the defendant when he returned to the ship.

Chisholm said that he had assaulted the complainant because the complainant had insulted the King's uniform which he wore.

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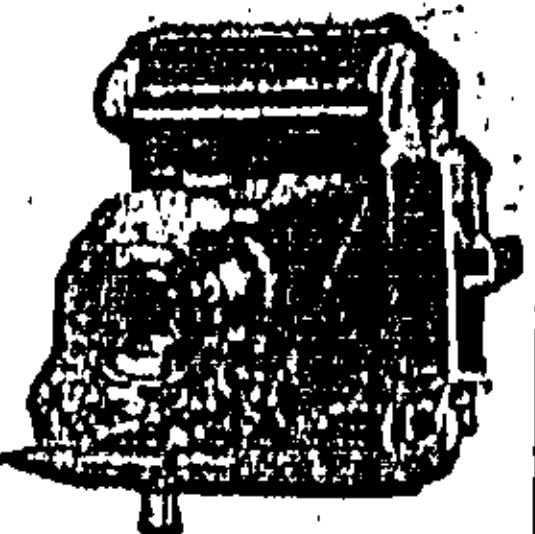
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Good sport enjoyed at third outing of Polo and Hunt Club

In perfect weather, the Hong Kong Polo and Hunt Club held its third run of the season on Sunday. The line had been laid the previous evening with the kind co-operation of Mr. John Fraser, "The Old Thruster" of Cottage Club fame.

The start was somewhat delayed owing to the non-arrival of some of the keenest followers, the Officers of the Queen's Own 4th Hussars, who were evidently detained on military or other duties. The field was therefore somewhat limited, but some very good sport was enjoyed.

The Master, Mr. Martland, laid the riders on the line at the country back of Santa Hill and the Hunt went off at a good pace through Deep Valley and Stanton's Gap to the main Canton road.

Thereafter the line ran through Partridge Valley, crossing the road near Lo Shui Tung, with the next half called at Lookout Point overlooking the Chinese town of Canton across the border.

The horses were then turned homeward through Canton town and a fine race was held.

There were some very good performances in the quarter-mile race, which was won by the Hong Kong Polo and Hunt Club.

Having accounted for the other riders, the Master called for the line to be laid at a good clip to finish at the base of the Lo Shui Tung, back of Kwan.

Maitland leads way

Mr. Martland led the way in the quarter-mile race, followed by Messrs. Callender and Fraser. Also, Mr. Fraser, who was running with Messrs. Mann and Williams, Lieutenant Alton-Naglo and Mr. John Barrow, the District Officer, on a stout grey mare. Mr. Barrow's knowledge of the country was invaluable and he several times led the way over the more difficult crossings.

Others present were Mrs. Christopher Cayford, Miss Molly Perry, Captain Porter and Messrs. Fraser, O'Connor, Young and O'Connell.

Most riders were heartened by the way the Australian police adapted themselves to this admittedly rather rough hunting country.

Their footwork and recovery in some of the bad spots was at times remarkable, until none of them in this respect bid fair to equal the Chinese parties and cross-bred of pre-war days.

Needless to say their pace over the level country is much faster than their weight-carrying capacity is a boon to some of the younger members of the Hunt.

The next meet will be held on Boxing Day and details will be published in the Press.

NO NEWS FROM NORWEGIAN F.A.

No news has been received from the Norwegian Football Association regarding the proposal that a Norwegian XI visit this Colony during the Chinese New Year holidays.

This information was revealed at a meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday.

It was stated that if the proposed visit did not materialise, other arrangements would have to be made for the Chinese New Year.

"Under 45's" loseto "Over 45's" in Golf tourney

The following are the detailed results of the "Over 45's" and "Under 45's" golf match which was played on Sunday:

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Mrs. T. Wei wins Eclectic Golf competition

The Eclectic Competition which has been running on the New Golf Course at Fanling finished last week and was won by Mrs. T. Wei with Mrs. J. W. Sheehan runner-up.

The Stapleford Competition played on Thursday, December 15, was won by Mrs. M. Stewart after a record on the first nine having tied with Mrs. Y. Williams. Both had a total of 35 points.

Mrs. J. Pote-Hunt won the Railway Cup Match on the 18th green after a hard fought match against Mrs. M. Elliot, runner-up.

A Running Boyce Competition started on December 10, on the New Course and will continue until January 23. Any player may take a limit of 10 cards.

Over the Christmas week-end a Medal Competition will be played on the New Course.

One card only may be taken during the time, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

JOE LOUIS NOT MEETING CHARLES

San Francisco, December 18. Marshall Miles, manager of the former world's heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, tonight denied a report that Louis has decided to meet the NBA champion, Ezzard Charles, in June.

Louis has no plans at present for a comeback campaign, Miles stated emphatically. He said the erroneous report was obtained from "an outsider" and that he had demanded an alteration by the wire service that circulated the report.—United Press.

REME BOXING TOURNAMENT

An interesting boxing tournament has been arranged for eight o'clock tomorrow evening at the 10th Inf. Workshops REME, located at the China Light & Power Co., Shorahua adjacent to the Kowloon Dock Club, Hung Hom.

There will be 16 events on the programme, including exhibition bouts. Prizes will be distributed by the Commanding Officer, REME.

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French middleweight champion Jake La Motta (left) sends a rocking left to the head of middleweight challenger Robert Villamain (right) in the sixth round of their non-title bout at Madison Square Garden, New York, on December 9. Villamain